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Many See Fire Sentences as Too Light



SURROUNDED BY YOUNGSTERS AND Carmel High band members, Mayor Ken White of Carmel gets the crowd in the mood for the lighting of the city's Christmas tree

Friday at Devendorf Park. To the delight of younger children, Santa arrived in the park before the lighting, and residents joined in robust carols. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

By Carolyn Rice

Many parents, students, teachers and administrators expressed the view that the punishment handed down to three boys who set fire to a wing of Carmel High School was too lenient. Acknowledging he had received critical calls and letters, the judge said he was considering trying to open up the record so the community could see the basis for his decision.

"The more I think about it, the more upset I get," said Carmel High Principal Marie Ishida. She said she was concerned with what kind of message Judge John Anton's sentence sent to other students, not only at Carmel High School but in the larger community.

"It says you can set fire to something—quote—accidentally, and get sent to Juvenile Hall for five months with the freedom to come and go," she said.

Anton told The Sun he had received many letters and calls critical of the decision. "I've never been through anything like this before," he said, adding one woman had accused him of taking a payoff.

He said he was "looking into whether the file (on the case) can be opened up" to the community so people could see all the factors he used in reaching his decision.

"If I ever go through anything like this again, I'm going to insist the DA's office stand up and say 'we're not prosecuting this (arson) as an intentional act.'"

Anton said the prosecutor's brief said a one-gallon can was found in the room, but investigators were unable to determine if it was used in the arson. Also burn patterns were detected on the floor but the report said investigators were unable to determine if accelerants were used.

"If they had enough evidence, they should have laid out the facts," he said. "I can't jump to the conclusion of an intentional fire unless the facts are there. Now, I'm taking the heat."

After a plea has been entered, Anton said, "I can't go out and make an investigation."

Deputy District Attorney Gary Meyer, who urged Anton to send the boys to the California Youth Authority for at least two years, reduced charges during plea bargaining from malicious arson to recklessly causing the blaze.

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Carmel Business Hit by Bus Parking Fees

By Isabelle Hall

A parade of distraught business people told the City Council Tuesday night they were losing anywhere from 40 to 50 percent of their business because of \$10-an-hour parking fees the city imposed on tour buses.

Stunned by the string of complaints, the council immediately agreed to add the bus parking fees to the agenda at its special paid parking program hearing at 4 p.m. today. Both Mayor Ken White and Councilman Bob Fischer said they were willing to admit they had made a mistake in imposing the fees but Councilwoman Barbara Livingston was skeptical that the fee alone was the cause of a drop in business.

"I'm ready to close my doors," said Peter Pappas, owner of Diana at the Plaza, after five years of operating the

restaurant. "I have figures estimating that more than 40 to 50 percent of the buses are not stopping in Carmel any more. The city's losing money. We're losing money. Fifty to 60 percent of my revenue comes from tourists. I'm about ready to close down because of the buses, and what's happening in this town."

The loss in business was reported in the past few weeks since Carmel Plaza stopped picking up the tab for the parking fees and the buses have stopped coming, the merchants said. The Plaza owes the city \$13,000 for bus parking it paid from Sept. 1, when the fees took effect, through Nov. 3, Financial Services Coordinator Sandi Davenport said. Total parking revenue for the fiscal year was estimated to be \$47,600.

The bus companies are now being billed directly by National Parking Co.

which operates the parking area on Junipero on the north side of the Plaza, she said. City staff proposed a \$5 fee per hour that was raised to \$10 by the council.

Pappas said he had figures showing that 70 percent of bus passengers do not come to the Plaza and urged that the cost of the parking be spread out among all the merchants in the city.

"Santa Claus died," said Gaspar Cardinale, owner of shoe shops in the Plaza and on Ocean Avenue.

"This is make-or-break time for a lot of people," Fischer said when City Administrator Jere Kersnar said he would have a report for the council in January. Councilwoman Barbara Brooks asked to put it on today's agenda.

Marco Polo's, a leather shop which

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Special Districts Worry Agency May Force Mergers

By Stan Hall

Directors of many of Monterey County's 123 special districts are looking over their shoulders these days, worrying that increased Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) powers might mean the end of their agencies.

They are upset by amendments approved by the legislature this year which would allow LAFCO to initiate proposed consolidations of special districts on its own. In the past, consolidations had to be initiated by citizen petition.

"The process is now reversed, and LAFCO can initiate these things," said Supervisor Sam Karas of Monterey, a member of the county LAFCO. "Potentially, it could change the whole structure of local government."

Over time, districts which finance and provide a range of services including fire protection, parks, water, soil conservation, memorial halls, cemeteries, lighting and sanitation as well as county service areas and community services districts could be affected.

Not only could similar special districts be forced to consolidate, but districts providing different kinds of services—water, sewer and lighting, for example—could be asked to merge into a single entity if LAFCO found substantial savings or improved efficiency.

"We're running out of bucks," said Supervisor Tom Perkins of King City, another member of LAFCO who was asked what was the driving force behind the amendments.

Suggesting that the changes are simply an extension of the anti-tax sentiment reflected in the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, he added: "This is nothing new. It's been coming down the pike for a long time."

Referring to the state's serious budget deficits, which both he and Karas predicted will get worse, he added: "The people are having to look at cutbacks in services versus consolidation to streamline government and make it more efficient."

However, some directors of special districts questioned whether consolidations would result in more effective operations.

"Bigger isn't better," declared Ken

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LETTERS

Did Sentences Send Wrong Message?

I am writing to you with a full heart today concerning your judgment of the three 17-year-old students who caused the fire at Carmel High School on June 13. Your words, "I don't want to ruin their lives," describe the feeling of all of us who work at Carmel High and who live in this community.

However, we wonder: Do we not do a disservice to young people who make the choice to commit destructive acts when we do not hold them fully accountable for that choice? How does your sentence, seen as lenient by many, impact on their future decision-making? Will they continue to perform destructive acts without fear of firm punishment, based on their experience in your court?

The fire was not a "harmless prank that went wrong," as one of the students maintained in his letter of "apology." This was a decision made by three young men to break into the school in the middle of the night, spread gasoline around and then light a torch made of newspaper. This was a premeditated act—certainly not a prank, certainly not an accident. The young men bragged to their peers about their "prank," and even took a Polaroid picture of the fire.

A couple of weeks later, they stole a car, which they burned. They destroyed mailboxes in Carmel Valley. Were these acts "pranks" as well?

Our society, reflecting a permissive system of justice, is in a very bad place and getting worse. Violence seems to rule. People are not held accountable for their negative acts.

Already we've received a number of calls at Carmel High today. People are amazed at your decision, which seems to them to be excessively light, considering the destruction that was caused.

Have you given the young men an unrealistic message concerning the seriousness of their act last June? In your commendable effort to avoid "ruining their lives," have you given these young men (and other young people) an unrealistic message concerning their future decision-making?

Jean Harnish, secretary to the principal
Carmel High School

The author wrote to Judge John Anton and provided The Sun with a copy of her letter.—The Ed.

Sewer District Criticism Off Base

John Thodos' letter published in the Dec. 2 Sun took an unfair cut at Carmel Area Wastewater District president Joyce Stevens. I had decided to ignore his erroneous statements of the recent campaign, but now I must present some corrections.

He criticized the board for not setting term limits. Wrong! The board cannot legally set term limits. That is a prerogative of the voters.

He accused the board of timing the newsletter to coincide with the election. Wrong! The newsletter was planned many months ago, and its schedule was determined by director Art Hazletine's travel schedule and staff time availability from other tasks. An election was not considered.

He blamed the district for a flow of water into the Carmel River near the CAWD office building. "It smells bad," he said. Wrong! CAWD has no discharge of any kind into the Carmel River or anywhere else on land. All sewage is piped into the treatment plant for processing and subsequent ocean discharge.

He said "CAWD needs to start addressing the storm water situation before the federal government requires it to." Wrong! The CAWD has no jurisdiction over surface run-off waters. CAWD exists to collect, treat and dispose of sewage from



homes and businesses. Storm run-off is the responsibility of other agencies such as the county or city in which it occurs.

Beneficial use of run-off water is the province of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. The district has determined that considering storage requirements, water quality requirements, capital costs, operating costs, environmental factors and land availability the best solution is the proposed new Los Padres Dam. Only in third-world countries are surface waters and sewage combined.

Mr. Thodos attended one-third of one CAWD board meeting a few months ago. He never came to the CAWD office for any information whatsoever. To the district's knowledge, he never visited the treatment plant to learn how it works or to understand how the new facility now under construction will provide beneficial uses of waste water.

I believe that Mr. Thodos did not intend to deceive; he failed to do his homework.

Paul Beemer
Carmel

The author is a director of CAWD who was re-elected in November along with another incumbent despite a challenge by Thodos.—The Ed.

Trails Committee Purpose Explained

As a member of the Carmel Valley Trails committee who was out of town during the November meeting and missed the reportedly heated interchange that occurred, I need to clarify my understanding of the committee's purpose.

As long-time Valley residents know, access up and down the valley by foot or horseback used to be easy. But over the years, with increased subdividing and development of land, many of these informal trails were fenced off or blocked. As far back as the 1950s, there was talk of trying to preserve a system of trails, and in 1984, a Carmel Valley Trails Plan Committee developed a trails plan for the Valley, which incorporated existing trails and planned future trails, when access became available. That trails plan was supposed to be part of the Carmel Valley Master Plan, but was not included in the adopted master plan.

In June of this year, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors appointed citizens, including myself, to a new Carmel Valley Trails Committee, for the purpose of updating the existing trails plan and to make the plan available for eventual adoption as part of the Carmel Valley Master Plan.

Since then, our committee has reviewed the existing trails plan in light of changes in the Valley over the last decade and at the November meeting, sought the input of local citizens, including landowners where trails now exist or are proposed.

It seems that the notice to the landowners failed to fully explain the committee's purpose, and some landowners came to the meeting fearing the worse: Intrusion onto their private property and erosion of their private property rights.

Our committee intends neither. In fact, the committee is made up of property owners who respect the property rights of others and expect their private property rights to be respected.

Some landowners thought our committee intended to dictate where trails would be placed. This is not the case. We have picked up the trails plan from where the previous committee left-off and attempted to bring it up to date based on

changes in the Valley. At the same time, we are seeking the input and assistance of Valley residents and property owners, and in particular those who own land where trails presently exist or where trails have been proposed, to determine if the plan is practical, feasible, and workable.

Some landowners thought that if they sought a discretionary permit from the county to make any changes, no matter how minor, on their property or structures, they would have to give land or an easement for a trail as a condition of receiving that permit. This is not our committee's intent.

Part of the reason our committee was appointed by the Board of Supervisors was because three large parcels of Valley land have been proposed for subdivision by the owners. It is in those three cases that the landowners themselves have proposed creating trails across certain portions of their land as part of the subdivision process. Since the county supports the development of a riding and hiking trail system in Carmel Valley, a developer's project looks more attractive to the county planners when trails are provided.

Our committee seeks to create a Valley-wide plan so that existing trails and new trails offered in the future by developers or other private citizens connect in a logical, safe, environmentally sensitive system that will be usable by Valley residents, their children and grandchildren. Our committee seeks cooperation in our efforts, and we seek to avoid creating conflict. Towards that end, we have invited County Counsel to attend our next meeting, along with concerned property owners, so that we can phrase language that alleviates property owners concerns but still allows for the reasonable creation of a workable trails system.

And our committee members will be personally contacting property owners to meet with them and discuss the trails system, seeking their suggestions and concerns, so we can proceed in a mutually cooperative manner to create a lasting benefit and resource for all Valley residents.

We invite and appreciate input from all interested parties.
David S. Mullally, member
Carmel Valley Trails Committee

Student Disappointed by Fire Sentences

I was very disappointed about the sentencing of the three boys who burned down the Associated Student Body, photography and science rooms at Carmel High. One-hundred-fifty days in Juvenile Hall is nothing for all the time and money that now has to be spent to rebuild what they burned down. Only 200 hours of community service is not much, either—and at a fire department, of all things!

Come on! I get the message. I can burn down a school, call it an accident and get a slap on the hand for it. How can anyone call that an accident? It seems obvious to me that they were out to make trouble from the beginning of the crime spree. Why is it suddenly an accident when they set the school on fire?

For me, the fire was a personal violation because I walk to the other end of the school to get a book now when it used to be conveniently close by. And I have to look at the remains of what used to be a building every day and think—they got away with it.

Stephanie Thorn
Carmel High School



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Not a "Gestapo" Group

C.V. Trails Committee Seeks to Calm Landowners' Fears

By Isabelle Hall

Seeking to calm irate landowners upset that their property would be taken for trails, a member of the Carmel Valley Trails Committee said the purpose of the committee was to update existing trails and work out a plan for "gradual" implementation of a system.

At the same time the committee voted to support the recommendation of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District that approval of Clint Eastwood's proposed Cañada Woods development be conditioned on a trail through the property from the ridge south to Carmel River.

David Mullally, a Valley attorney and member of the committee, said he was disturbed after missing two meetings at complaints he received from the public, news reports in The Sun and letters to the editor.

"Some people thought we were some kind of Gestapo group," he told The Sun. "They were afraid of having trails though their property or having even approval for a kitchen remodel subject to a trail." Mullally said Stanley Clough, manager of Saddlerock Ranch, "was worried and rightly so."

In Mullally's view, the committee had not clarified its role and needed to make it clear "so the public knows that we are not here to impose anything on anybody. My understanding of the committee is what the rest of the committee feels also. We just have to let the public know that this is what we're doing."

As Mullally explained it at a meeting at Mid Valley Fire Station Dec. 1, a trails plan in Carmel Valley dates back to the 1950's and was updated in the 1980's.

"Our job is to update the work that has gone before and invite input from property owners and work out some trails systems that can gradually be implemented," he said. "I didn't think our purpose was to impose a trails plan or to take land from anyone. A lot of landowners are upset that another committee is coming in and telling them what to do. I don't think we're doing that."

"That's absolutely right," Planner Ann Towner said. "There are policies in the draft text that say there are general alignments."

"That's not what your draft says," Clough commented.

"If a landowner looks at this and says there is not going to be a trail across his land, then there's not going to be a trail," Mullally said. "I'm thinking 20 years for a trails system. We're talking long term and maybe parts of it, never."

At a standing room only meeting Nov. 3, the committee was accused of arrogance. Attorney Tony Lombardo, who said he represented many landowners who could be affected, urged the committee to include representatives of property owners. He said they "would like to participate as equals in the drafting of this plan rather than just be told what to do."

Clough called it "a conspiracy for special groups" and demanded to know why the county was wasting money on the project with two planners in attendance at the meetings.

Towner said she had met with the county counsel and would ask him to attend the next meeting to go over such concerns as taking of property.

Clough argued with Chairman Rod Mills about having a trail run through fenced property where cattle is run.

"I'd assume there would be a fence to separate the trail," Mills said. "You better go take a look," Clough told him. "We run cattle on it. What bothers me is that you're putting things down that involve blue sky. I've seen lawsuits that are horrendous. Property owners are going to protect themselves. What you're putting in this draft, we're going to be up there fighting."

"We're trying to get general trail alignments. There's never going to be a trail until you say you're considering it," Mullally assured him.



THE CARMEL VALLEY TRAILS COMMITTEE voted to endorse a recommendation from the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District that a trail be required through

Cañada Woods, the Eastwood-Williams development proposed on Carmel Valley Road near Valley Hills.

Sun file photo

"Or until we go after a permit," Clough said.

Mullally agreed there was a process that if a developer goes for a permit, the county says you need to put a trail in, the situation that could develop on the Eastwood-Williams property if the parks district recommendation prevails.

Asked to comment, Alan Williams, who is developing the project, told The Sun, "We designed the project without a trail because there were no trails required on any official plan. I did supply a trail along the river where the plan calls for it, and I am voluntarily putting a trail along Carmel Valley Road from Cypress Road to the Wolters property so kids can safely get across the face of the property."

But, he said, besides having grave safety concerns about a trail, "We just don't see where it's necessary. The county has an easement up Roach Canyon to the east of us and at the fire department. Clint has given Pacific Meadows land to the county, and there is good access all the way through Pacific Meadows. A trail through Cañada Segunda is just another link that's not necessary."

Clough said he was still convinced that if a landowner wanted to add a garage or some other improvement, he would have to fight not to have a trail imposed as a condition.

"I'm willing to have one of our meetings address this problem and have the county counsel here so we don't open a door you're afraid of," Mullally told him.

Vice Chair Janet Heimann agreed, saying, "If someone's going to make a minor modification to their property that will result in a trail being slapped across it, then we want to discuss it."

Diane Marquard, who said she had dedicated her life to getting old U.S. Forest Service trails dedicated, sought assurance from the committee that it would pursue the problem "because of lack of interest in dealing with the government, these old dedicated easements have been lost."

Mills expressed concern that public easements on old land deeds not be shut down "while someone dreams up a management plan for a trail. We need to talk to the county counsel about this."

The next stage in the committee's project will be to actually look at trails on Valley property. Towner told them they must have agendas for all such visits "and

you need written permission to cross private property."

"It sure seems complicated," Mills said. "Some landowners will be quite happy. Others will make it a formality."

"There should be a disclaimer that they don't have to allow a committee on their property," Clough said.

Mills advised the group that he had attended a subcommittee meeting of the Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) which is seeking a bicy-

cle and pedestrian trail from Highway 1 along Rio Road to Carmel Valley at Valley Greens Drive across two golf courses.

Marquard warned that this type of thing had happened when she lived in Sacramento. "They paved it over so horses can't go. They're not compatible. You can't have bicycles and horses."

"This committee is not dedicated to one kind of trail," Mills said. "It's something we don't need to worry about at this time."

Redistricting Juggles Planning Commission; "Musical Chairs" Ousts Valley's Jerry Foote

By Stan Hall

Redistricting, which cost Monterey County more than \$1 million in legal fees and more than a year's delay in supervisors' elections, is still causing reverberations—this time on the Planning Commission.

Four of the ten members' terms are up in January, and of the four, three now reside in supervisorial districts other than those from which they were originally nominated.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Planning Director Robert Slimmon. "Of course, we've never gone through such an extreme redistricting before."

Jerry Foote of Carmel Valley will lose out as a result of this reshuffling, although she told The Sun she did not want to serve any longer anyway.

Foote who lives on Miramonte north of Carmel Valley Road just west of Laureles Grade, was appointed to fill an unexpired term by Karin Strasser Kauffman when she was fifth district supervisor.

But redistricting now has put Foote in Barbara Shipnuck's second district, and Shipnuck already has two appointees on the board. Under the procedure, each supervisor gets to appoint two commissioners.

"Remember as a child when you played musical chairs?" Foote asked with a laugh when asked about the situation.

New Fourth District Supervisor Edith Johnsen of Marina only has one person serving from her district, and, in effect, she will select a second representative to replace Foote.

But a vacancy for Johnsen to fill will

occur only because commissioner Jo Stallard of Pacific Grove will move from representing the fourth district to the fifth. She was originally appointed by Sam Karas when he was fourth district supervisor, and he said he intended to appoint her now that he represents the fifth.

The two other commissioners up for reappointment are Louis Calcagno of Moss Landing and Manuel Jimenez of Gonzales, the only commissioner who still represents the same district he originally was appointed from.

Supervisor Tom Perkins told The Sun he would not reappoint Jimenez, but would leave him in place on the commission for time being, intending to replace him with a new appointee in the future. As for Calcagno, originally appointed by Marc Del Piero when he represented the old first district, Perkins said he expected Supervisor Simon Salinas of Salinas to replace him.

Asked if she would miss serving on the Planning Commission, Foote said, "I wouldn't have missed it for anything." But she added that she had only planned to serve out the term from which Marit Evans resigned.

Commissioners whose terms are not up and therefore will remain on the panel are Mo Orrett of Pebble Beach, Miguel Errea of San Ardo, Gloria Moore of Salinas, Calvin Reaves of Seaside, Lynne Riddle of Salinas and Jose Vasquez of Salinas.

Perkins noted four terms will expire in 1995, one from the first district, two from the second and one from the fourth.

SHERIFF'S LOG

VALLEY. A nurse at Carmel Valley Manor reported finding an elderly patient deceased. 11/29.

CARMEL. A man who lives on Dolores reported hearing voices from outside his home. A deputy checked and was unable to find anything. 11/29.

VALLEY. A Monterey woman reported being harassed by a Carmel Valley woman at Carmel Valley Ranch where they both work. 11/30.

Books Embezzled

CARMEL RANCHO. A man was arrested and books recovered after an employee of Thunderbird Bookstore reported possible embezzlement. 11/30.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Redwood Court at Carmel Valley Ranch complained her neighbor has been harassing her, saying he had telephoned the sheriff's office about her five times in the past seven years. 11/30.

VALLEY. A clerk at Mid Valley Safeway reported three men, who had taken a basket of groceries without paying, abandoned it in the parking lot and fled when challenged. 12/1.

Restaurant Loses \$326

RIO ROAD. The owner of r. g. Burgers in the Crossroads reported someone stole \$326 from the restaurant. 12/1.

VALLEY. A woman asked for a deputy to stand by while a locksmith changed locks on a residence on Prado Del Sol. 12/1.

Student's CDs Stolen

CARMEL. A student at Carmel High School reported her unlocked car was entered while parked at the school and several CDs and the face plate of her stereo stolen. 12/1.

VALLEY. A homeowner in Sleepy Hollow reported a stranger walking on his property. 12/2.

HIGHLANDS. A Pacific Grove man reported he was battered by a woman while working on a project on Spindrift. 12/2.

CARMEL RANCHO. The owner of the Pompeii Restaurant reported two drunks were causing a disturbance in the bar. A deputy jailed one of them, identified as a transient who lives near the river, after confronting him in the parking lot and finding he was "very intoxicated." 12/2.

VALLEY. A woman said someone pulled up her mail box post around noon-time and threw it in the middle of Schulte Road in front of her house. 12/3

Portable Phone Stolen

CARMEL. A man who lives on Fisher Drive reported someone broke out the driver's side window of his car and stole a cellular telephone valued at \$500. He said

the car was parked near his home. 12/3.

VALLEY. A Carmel Valley man, seen driving erratically on Carmel Valley Road, was stopped and turned over to the CHP for DUI. 12/3.

CARMEL RANCHO. A man complained the fumes from a nearby manicuring shop were making him sick. 12/3.

Newspaper Boxes Robbed

VALLEY. A newspaper distributor for the San Jose Mercury reported that a box belonging to him and two belonging to the Monterey County Herald which were in front of the Mid Valley Safeway had been forced open and the money removed. 12/4.

CARMEL. A man who lives on Shafter Way said someone broke out the right front passenger window of his green VW Bug while it was parked on Mesa Drive. He set the loss at around \$100. 12/4.

VILLAGE. A man who lives on Carmel Valley Road reported continuing problems with the residents of a home on Wawona, saying that the girlfriend of the man who lives there had struck him. A deputy said it was an ongoing civil problem. 12/4.

RIO ROAD. A woman who lives on Buena Vista Del Rio said she lost her purse while assisting a friend at an auction at the conference room at the Crossroads Shopping Center. She said it contained some cash, her identification and credit cards. 12/4.

VILLAGE. A man who lives on White Oak Lane reported seeing an open door at a neighboring home that is for sale. A deputy checked and found nothing amiss. 12/4.

Mailboxes Beat Up

CARMEL MEADOWS. A number of mailboxes were vandalized on Ribera Road. A resident reported seeing a small gray pickup with two people in the back smash mailboxes across the street from him with a baseball bat or similar club. He said it appeared they may have broken out one of the pickup's own windows with an errant swing. 12/5.

CARMEL. The windshield of a green VW Bug was broken out while it was parked on Mesa Drive. 12/5.

Chicken Feed Purloined

BIG SUR. An owner of Hacienda Hay and Feed in Carmel Valley reported the theft of three, 50-pound bags of chicken feed from the bed of his pickup while it was parked off Highway 1 near Captain Cooper School. He told a deputy he saw the thieves, and they looked like hippies or surfers. 12/5.

CARMEL. Someone pulled up a mailbox post on Mission Field road although it was set in cement. It was later found on Sycamore Place. 12/5.

VALLEY. An Oakland woman reported her leather coat was missing from the coat room at the Covey Restaurant, but said it probably was given to someone else by mistake since a similar coat was left behind. 12/5.

Cutbacks at The Forge

Dan Glosser, proprietor of The Forge in the Forest/General Store announced Wednesday he would close his recently opened Backerei doors Saturday and cut back his restaurant and saloon hours because of business losses. He said he hoped to find a tenant for the bakery which he opened Aug. 16 at a cost of \$300,000. The business was losing up to \$12,000 a month, he said. The restaurant and saloon will be closed Monday and Tuesday through March.



SUPERVISOR SAM KARAS will be on hand at 2 p.m. Friday for the dedication of a new \$2.2 million bridge over the Carmel River on Esquiline Road. It was built this summer to replace the old Rosie's Bridge which was narrow and had a slippery steel roadway. Some controversy has simmered in the community about whether the new bridge should also be called Rosie's, but to the county it is simply bridge No. 508.
Sun photo by Peter McArthur

Council Rejects Election Change; Moves on Pescadero Canyon

By Isabelle Hall

With virtually no public interest in evidence, the Carmel City Council dropped plans Tuesday night to vote on moving the 1995 election from April to November.

It also ordered the staff to "pursue non-development of Pescadero Canyon using any and all options available" in a compromise motion designed to find some solution to the vexing problem of how to deal fairly with both property owners and environmentalists seeking to protect the rugged area. There are six buildable lots zoned R-1 on the rim of the canyon.

The change in the election date was proposed originally during consideration of the 1993-94 budget as a cost-saving measure. Public comment at the time centered on the loss of tradition such a move would create.

The vote on Pescadero Canyon unanimously rejected the recommendation of Planning Director Brian Roseth for a biological study to determine what parts of the canyon on the north border of the city actually was environmentally sensitive. He said he could find no supporting data for the city's designation of the canyon as an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA), and wanted the study to determine if there are areas that could be built upon within the limitations of the California Coastal Act.

Instead, the council agreed with the Planning Commission which recommended no further development be allowed and the city look for some way to acquire the land. With no city funds available, the city planned to look instead to such public or quasi-public agencies as the Coastal Conservancy, the Big Sur Land Trust, the Nature Conservancy or the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District; private fund raising; using the property for mitigation for some other project, transferring development rights to some other project; a trade or sale or a complex plan to transfer development rights to other private property in the city.

In the latter case, City Attorney Don Freeman said the city would act as a broker and assign value to development rights "but not allow any lot to be overdeveloped. We will be acting as the broker and it won't do any good if there aren't any buyers."

The motion was designed to satisfy Councilman Bob Fischer who said that to

deny the right of property owners to build "is wrong. I really oppose a flat statement that R-1 zoning would be illegal." He welcomed a biological study, saying, "and if they can only build on 30 percent of the land, so be it."

Fischer asked Linda Smith and Noel Mapstead of Friends of Pescadero Canyon why the group was zeroing in on Carmel when development on the north side of the canyon in Del Monte Forest was being planned. They said they were watching it and would complain when the issue arose before the county.

Freeman warned that the city was under a deadline because once the property owners file an application, there would be just six months to act on it under the permit streamlining act unless an Environmental Impact Report was required, in which case a year would be allowed.

Dr. Arlene Dorius and Tim Mallery, two of the three property owners involved, both said they would not seek to develop their land if some agreement could be worked out. However, Roseth told the council that "landowners are ready to file applications."

In other action, the council:

- Granted the appeal of Dan Glosser against a Planning Commission decision requiring him to change some 50 percent of the lights at his Forge in the Forest/General Store Restaurant at Junipero and Fifth Avenue. Suggestions by the staff were accepted, instead. The council also voted to remand to the commission the issue of whether Glosser's Illusion Alley, a walkway on the property, should be the subject of design review. Glosser said former Planning Director Diane White told him this was not required but Freeman said a former employee could not bind the city and "the code speaks clearly for itself."

- Voted to seek full participation in the creation of a Fort Ord Joint Powers Authority and voting membership on it. City Administrator Jere Kersnar pointed out that this could cost as much as \$14,000 a year and require considerable participation by the city's top staff.

- Approved 4-1 an 18.7 percent increase in refuse collection rates as a result of high costs for recycling and more service for the city. The rate for one-can, weekly service for residential customers will jump \$1.75 from \$9.30 to \$11.05 per month. White dissented.

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The Sun Takes a Look at the Records

Future of Flanders Mansion May Be Restricted by ESHA

By Isabelle Hall

As local debate is renewed on whether to save or sell Flanders Mansion, its future use may be moot. The property lies within Mission Trail Park, an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA) designated in Carmel's adopted Coastal Land Use Plan in 1980.

Such environmentally sensitive habitat areas allow "only those uses dependent on the resource" in such areas, a use that seemingly might not support even a single-family dwelling. The same designation prompted the Planning Commission to urge the city to try and sell six building lots on Pescadero Canyon because commissioners believed the land never could be developed.

Planning Director Brian Roseth has questioned the validity of the ESHA for Pescadero Canyon after spending hours searching city records. He said he was unable to find documentation for identifying Pescadero Canyon as such. He has yet to search Mission Trail Park records.

The Coastal Act states that: "Environmentally Sensitive Areas means any area 1.) in which plant or animal life or their habitats are either rare or especially valuable because of their special nature or role in an ecosystem, and 2.) which could be easily disturbed or degraded by human activities and developments."

A recent court ruling found that any area meeting both tests in the act would be subject to these limitations: "Environmentally sensitive habitat areas shall be protected against any significant disruption of habitat values, and only uses dependent on such resources shall be allowed within such areas."

"Development in areas adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas and parks and recreation areas shall be sited and designed to prevent impacts which would significantly degrade such areas, and shall be compatible with the continuance of such habitat areas."

The 36-acre Mission Trail Park in which Flanders Mansion is situated, Pescadero Canyon on the city's northern boundary with Del Monte Forest and Carmel Bay Beach are the only ESHAs in the city's Land Use Plan.

In 1968, after the death of Flanders widow, Grace, the Flanders estate was being considered for subdivision and construction of 65 townhouses or 58 single family dwellings. In 1972, it was proposed to be subdivided into one-acre parcels.

The city acquired the 1924 house built for his home by developer Paul Flanders and 14.9 acres Aug. 15, 1972, for \$275,000. The property was put together with the 17.5 acres acquired Sept. 15, 1972, from the Doolittle property, part of which was a gift and part sold for \$120,000.

Once the house was acquired, the city tried to decide what to do with it. City records show that at one point in the 1970's, the city let police officers live there free in hopes of stemming vandalism "that was wrecking the building." City Councilman Bob Fischer commented during discussion of the house last month that he had lived there when he was a police officer.

A Negative Declaration, issued after the house was proposed for sale, was loudly protested by attorney Frank Lloyd and others and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified in 1975.

"The purpose of the project is first to provide a site for solid waste disposal for the city, and second, to provide and preserve open-space for the use of residents of the city," the EIR stated.

It described the flat land near Rio Road as a run-off area for storm waste with erosion, saying the land had since become sedimented with runoff from the area that once was a lagoon for Carmel Mission and now has sewer lines skirting the boundary of the property.

In 1975, a museum or a library annex

was proposed for Flanders but the house was considered too remote to be of much use for such facilities. The EIR said "no rare or endangered wildlife species are known to occur" on the property.

At a March 5, 1979 session, Councilman Mike Brown asked why the city should keep the house. He suggested it should be leveled and the property sold but he was in the minority.

On March 10, 1980, the City Council, changed the zoning to P-2-A which limited the use to non-profit organizations, governmental buildings and uses and a residential use for the house.

Although the house was put on the National Historic Register list of significant properties later, city records show that in 1977 it did not qualify on a city list of historically significant properties.

It was known as the Flanders-Doolittle property until Feb. 4, 1980, when the city changed the name to Mission Trail Park. The two properties are believed to contain the original old Junipero Serra Trail which also was called Mission Trail. Bordering the house on the north is the Rowntree Arboretum of native plants.

Roseth, then an assistant planner, advised the Planning Commission June 17, 1985, that in his opinion, "Sale as a residence would be less environmentally damaging to the surrounding park lands than public or quasi-commercial use."

The commission then endorsed the sale of the house plus two acres of undeveloped land on Martin Way south of Flanders. The revenue would be used for either a library annex or a parking garage.

On Dec. 11, 1986, the City Council determined Flanders to be surplus property and talk of selling the house was revived

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Livingston Will Sit on Flanders House Group

After a tense meeting in the dimly lit Carmel Heritage office at Flanders Mansion, Councilwoman Barbara Livingston, a designer, was named by the Mission Trail Park Committee to serve on a committee for a Decorator's Showcase planned for next October.

Tensions have been running high since the City Council voted to let Carmel Heritage and the Alliance on Aging sponsor the Decorator Showcase. Turf wars are part of the trouble as both the Mission Trails Park and the Historic Preservation Committees want a say in the event.

Thus far, there has been no suggestion that the Planning Commission become involved, and Planning Director Brian Roseth told The Sun he did not know if a use permit would be required. However, Commission Chairman Jack Kennedy said, "I think it probably should come before us. It's going to have an impact on the park in terms of traffic and people although I don't know if a use permit would be required."

The request, which came to the council on the October consent calendar with no advance warning, was accompanied by a recommendation that the house be sold as a residence. The private preservation group, which rents the house for \$1 a year, said its three-year study of the property indicated that this seemed to be the best use for the house acquired by the city in 1972 for \$275,000, and the subject of disposition almost ever since. (See Flanders history on this page.)

Mayor Ken White explained to Mission Trail Park Committee members at their Dec. 1 meeting that the sale of Flanders "is not on the council agenda right now and wouldn't be put on without an awful lot of public input. I'm not sure whether the pub-

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EARLY PHOTOS SHOW Flanders Mansion when it was first built, above. The same view of the house is shown below with the walls covered with ivy and the building surrounded by tall trees that obscure the views of Point Lobos.

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Punishment Questioned for Boys in High School Fire

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Anton said he didn't want to get into a public debate with Meyer but questioned why Meyer prosecuted on the reduced charges and without trying to make a case that the act was indeed intentional.

He read from a letter written by a school secretary (see letters on page 2) and said she may be citing things in her letter that aren't so, such as the sprinkling of gasoline.

Meyer said Anton's disposition of the case "was all facts considered." While fire investigators said a flammable liquid had been used to start the fire, the three boys stuck by their story that one had made a torch out of a newspaper and the fire was unintentional, Meyer said.

He said his brief to Anton mentioned that although the evidence was inconclusive, the fire appeared to be intentionally set and a gas can had been found in the debris.

"All that stuff was in the report," Meyer said, adding if the judge had had any questions about it, he could have asked.

Meyer told The Sun the 150 days in Juvenile Hall that Anton meted out to two of the youths was heavier than most juvenile court sentences. The one who started the fire received an additional 200 days house arrest after his juvenile hall time.

"It was the stiffest local commitment I've seen to Juvenile Hall," Meyer said, noting the longest sentence usually is 90 days.

"They will do it all unless they cut them loose because of overcrowding," Meyer said, adding he doubted if that would happen as the community would be "up in arms."

The boys' probation normally would end in a year, but Meyer said he will ask for it to continue until they are age 25. As long as they are under probation, the trio will continue to be held responsible for financial restitution, he said. School officials testified the district will have \$75,000 to

\$100,000 expenses not covered by insurance because of the June 13 fire.

Carmel Superintendent Vance Baldwin who testified at the sentencing as a victim admitted he went home after the hearing. Asked why, he said, "I didn't want to say anything I would be upset with later. I needed time to think about what happened."

"I trust they have information we're not privy to," he said.

Many students at the 50-year-old school who spoke with The Sun agreed with Ishida about the punishment. Typical of the reactions was one from senior Collin Murray.

"For burning something down when people could have been hurt, I think they should have gotten a lot more," said Murray. "I don't think the sentencing was very strict. A lot of my friends thought they got off scot-free almost."

Sandi Underwood, a junior, agreed with Murray. "They got off way too easy." She said she has not been able to do the same chemistry experiments as students in prior years due to the limited equipment available this fall in a makeshift lab replacing the one which burned.

Sheriff Norm Hicks said the punishment could be considered a piece of cake by someone who had been in a lot of trouble previously. "But it could be considered a very severe sentence for someone who had never been in trouble before," he said.

The three 17-year-old boys claimed they unintentionally started the early morning blaze. Two signed statements and the third admitted his involvement after charges against them were reduced during plea bargaining.

Two of the boys received 150 days in Juvenile Hall with the stipulation they can check out each day for school. The court deducted the 27 days served under house arrest from the 150 days. The third youth was sent to a group home until he is 19 since he had not complied with the terms of the

house arrest during the month prior to his sentencing.

All lost driving privileges and will be required to do 200 hours community service, preferably with a fire department, Anton suggested.

Meyer, in his brief, noted the trio had gone on to commit another serious felony, stealing a car and setting it afire. "This to me does not indicate remorse or intent to change behavior. To sleep at Juvenile Hall is not the proper punishment," Meyer told the judge prior to his sentencing the boys.

The three lawyers who represented the boys argued none had ever been in trouble before and do not pose a threat to the community. They all said a sentence to the California Youth Authority was not justified, arguing they were not hardened offenders like the youths they would encounter in prison.

Mel Grimes, a Pacific Grove attorney who represented one of the boys, said his client broke down in tears when questioned by the police and has been remorseful ever since. His involvement was clearly out of character, and he has expressed a sense of disgust with himself, Grimes said.

In sentencing the trio on Dec. 1, Anton said the real issue was whether the fire was intentional or accidentally set. "It must be assumed that it was not intentional," he said.

Psychiatric reports on two of the boys stated they were not a menace to society, Anton noted.

Dan Towle, the probation officer in the case, said the restitution order will apply only during the probation. To collect any more, the school district would have to file a civil suit against them or the families. The insurance company could also try to collect in a civil suits against the families, Towle said.

Richard Rosen, an attorney for one of the boys, said the criminal code in California limits the amount which can be collected from families of minors to \$10,000.

Chad Lincoln, a creative writing teacher at the high school and advisor to the Associated Student Body, was one of those questioned by The Sun who approved of the sentences. "I personally think the judge was correct in saying the California Youth Authority wouldn't help these kids. It felt like a fair sentence for the kids."

Lincoln said he had taught two of the boys, noting they seemed to distance themselves from the rest of the students. "They seemed to feel they were not part of things," he said.

"At times, I felt they were bitter toward the student body. The California Youth Authority would have been a disastrous idea for them. And yet, a lot of people wanted it," Lincoln said.

One woman who volunteers at the high school but did not want to be identified, said "I can not believe how punitive people are feeling around here." She said personally she would have required the boys to perform 1,000 hours of service in a burn

unit. Instead of feeling sorry for themselves, maybe they would have learned how brave some people can be in the face of adversity, she said.

She did not agree with Anton's suggestion that the boys put in their required community service hours with a fire department. "That will be fun and exciting," she said.

Asked whether he thought justice had been served, senior Chris Wynn said, "It's really hard to say. I think they should have gotten more than they got. The classes were disrupted, and there's no theater as the photo lab had to be moved to that room. The consequences should match the crime they did. I think they should have had a longer stay in Juvenile Hall. They should have gotten more than a slap on the wrist."

Wynn pointed out that all Carmel High students are required to do 60 hours of community service for graduation. "Two-hundred hours is not that much," he said.

Wynn did agree with the Juvenile Hall placement rather than a California Youth Authority confinement, as did most of the people the Sun questioned.

Craig Johnston, the football coach, said one of the boys had gone out for football and was camping with the team at Arroyo Seco when the other two were charged.

"They did a terrible thing to our school," Johnston said. "I don't know the judicial system well enough to know the options. Hopefully the judge punished them enough to prevent them from doing something like this again."

Ann Berry, who works in the school office, said she had mixed feelings about the sentences. "I'm compassionate when it comes to teenagers." But she said she was concerned about the fire being called an accident. "You don't bring flammable material and then strike a match unless you have intent."

Since it was a juvenile case, many facts of the case were received by the judge in reports and not made available to the public. Because of their ages, the names of the boys could not be used by the media.

Kyle Decker, the Associated Student Body president this year, said the group had discussed the sentencing the day before it happened. "It was difficult for us to come to a conclusion. We were split as to whether the judge should be lenient or give the maximum sentence."

Decker called 150 days "lenient" but said, "I don't think ruining their lives by sending them away to prison is a solution."

Jodi Shaw, a life science and biology teacher who lost her lab in the fire, said as a teacher who has been inconvenienced, "the sentence is a little lighter than what I would have expected."

The sentence could have been longer but the guilt the boys will suffer "will be enough punishment," said Carolyn Smith, a sophomore. "I'm hoping that's the way they feel because of what they did to the students."



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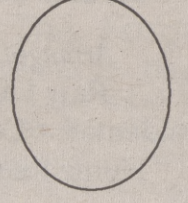
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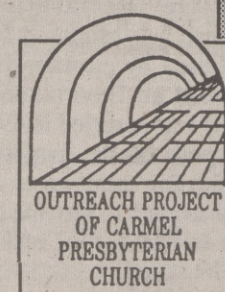
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Prosecutor Defends Plea Bargaining in School Fire

Deputy District Attorney Gary Meyer, who prosecuted three boys charged with setting fire to Carmel High School, defended his reduction of charges during plea bargaining, and said he did not think the judge would have sent them to the California Youth Authority no matter what.

The Sun interviewed Meyer by telephone after the Dec. 1 sentencing and as sentiment seemed to grow in the community that the boys got off too lightly considering the seriousness of the fire and other incidents, including the theft and burning of an auto.

"I don't think Judge (John) Anton was going to send them to the Youth Authority no matter what the facts were," Meyer said. "It looked exactly like a California Youth Authority sentence should happen." But Meyer stopped short of criticizing Anton's sentence, saying he respected his opinion.

The Sun asked Meyer whether the fire had been intentionally set or was accidental. Meyer said his report said there was some evidence it was intentionally set but it was inconclusive. A gas can was found in the debris, he said, but the three boys consistently said it was unintentional.

Meyer said Anton considered all the facts presented and chose to believe the three 17-year olds. "I still respect his opinion," Meyer said. "He's the judge."

Meyer said he was surprised when the probation department initially recommended the Youth Authority for two of the juveniles. He said he "examined very seriously" whether it was the correct punishment and concluded it was.

He said the boys could have been assigned to fighting on fire lines in Humboldt County and could have completed their education up to a level of an associated degree in a junior college while there.

He said he does not believe young people come out of the Youth Authority worse than they went in. "A lot of good things happen at the Youth Authority," he said. "They do a good job. I think the Youth Authority had a lot to offer them."

Meyer said the law offers a number of things a judge "could latch onto and say this is not a Youth Authority case."

He said none of the boys had been in trouble before, they had good family support and the psychological reports prepared for the court found they were not a menace to society.

"Another judge may have done something different. He called it the way he saw it, and he's the judge," Meyer said.

As for his reduction of the original charges during plea bargaining, Meyer said one problem with prosecuting the case was that he had two signed admissions, but the

third boy maintained his innocence.

"I wanted to get them all on the maximum I could get them on," he said. But he asked, "Why would the two testify against the third unless I gave them a deal?"

Meyer said he will ask the court to extend the probation as long as the law allows—until the three reach age 25—so that they can continue to be required to pay restitution. When they are no longer under probation, they are no longer obligated to pay restitution, he said.

Fire investigator Don Stacy of the California Department of Forestry who investigated the fire along with a sheriff's department investigator said in a report that it appeared to have been started by a flammable liquid poured on the floor of the Associated Student Body room. The whole room basically ignited at once, he said.

A fire set with flammable liquid such as gas leaves a characteristic signature with the undersides of desks, chairs and counters being severely burned. This fire left the characteristic results, he said. The investigators termed the fire arson immediately after their first look at the scene. When asked if their report was part of the court report, Stacy said, "I don't know if the court was made aware of it. I have not been contacted by the court."

The juvenile hearing was open to the

media but reports on the case were not made public, so coverage was based only on what was said during the hearings, not on the information contained in reports.

Meyer said he received some criticism for comments he made praising the boys for showing the proper respect to the court by dressing in suits and by taking responsibility for what they had done in one of their first appearances.

He said he made those comments based on the experience he has had working as a district attorney for 17 years. "You can't believe they were some juveniles dress. They come in here wearing shorts, t-shirts, chewing gum and talking."

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Carmel Business Hit by Bus Parking Fees

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works with Japanese tour companies, said the success of last year had changed because tour bus companies are skipping Carmel to avoid the charge. "We're losing business, almost 90 percent since November," said representative Kazu Kono. "It's an absolutely ridiculous situation."

Veronica O'Shea, manager of Banana Republic said, "We need to think about the signal we're sending. People are being harassed by the man who's collecting money for the buses. I've seen it. The people on the tour buses are getting a really bad feeling about Carmel."

Some suggested that the loss in business would create ripples in the city economy as it produced unemployment because many of the local employees are local residents.

Leone Erickson, who said she was a 25-year resident, asked the council, "Has anyone weighed the loss of income from the retail sales tax against what you're charging the buses. Seems to me you're going to be losing more money by charging buses than by allowing businesses to collect tax."

Jay Wiener, owner of Cafe Classico on Ocean Avenue, said, "We are not in the

Plaza yet our business is suffering drastically. In the last two weeks, there has been a drop of 27 percent directly attributable to the lack of buses. It's an urgent problem."

Carol Sears, manager of I. Magnin which anchors the Plaza, said that after 25 years, "We not only feel the effect of buses but it is hard to live in an area that is one of the most beautiful spots in the world and not share it with others."

Theresa DiBenedeto, a 10-year resident who walks to her job at the Plaza, said, "We are all local business people. I cannot continue to do business if I don't have customers. Bringing them in through buses is the most reasonable way to get them here. It is worth it to have parking

and not charge."

White said, "Some of us were not totally supportive of (bus fees). If we decide to drop it for the Christmas season, I'll vote to drop it permanently and admit we made a mistake...It was part of our budget process. We're trying to run the city like a business. We've dropped 20 of our employees. To change will have grave impact on other programs. It will leave a hole in the budget we're going to have to make up elsewhere."

Toni Jepson, executive director of the Carmel Business Association, said she had no idea the merchants would be making an appearance but said the CBA had always felt "we're being very shortsighted in charging buses."

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Valley Couple Find Niche In Gourmet Dressing Market

By Carolyn Rice

Golf pro Lee Trevino buys salad dressing from Annie and Jeff Conneau of Carmel Valley Village by the case. They also count Olympic gold medal marathon winner Joan Bendit Samulson among their growing list of customers for Ann-How Oriental Dressing.

The Conneaus started their small gourmet salad dressing business about 10 years ago, selling 40 cases a month.

Today, they have gone from bottling the dressing themselves to using a packager and have tripled their sales. Each month they sell about 125 cases of their original dressing, a new "lite" dressing and fat-free barbecue sauce. Each eight-ounce bottle sells for under \$3.

They sell gallon containers to delicatessens and restaurants for their salad bars, oriental chicken salads and steamed vegetables.

Their original dressing used on oriental chicken salad, stir fry vegetables or sushi still is their top seller, Annie Conneau said. Only the oil used in the dressing has changed. It is now canola rather than soybean which reduces the saturated fat content of it. "The tangy, nutty taste is still the same," Conneau said.

Personally, she likes the new, tangier, "lite" dressing which has less fat and sodium. Both dressings contain honey, sesame oil, soy sauce, vinegar, sesame seeds and other ingredients.

Conneau, 37, said she finds it amusing that Trevino orders the original dressing a case at a time. "He's a Mexican, and he advertises La Victoria salsa," she said. "But he really must have a penchant for oriental food."

A runner who jogs 40 miles a week, Conneau met Samulson when she was running at the Falmouth Road Race in Cape

Cod, Mass. She now ships dressing to her in Maine.

Conneau said they never borrowed money to build up their business, but just increased their production gradually as sales increased. "We grew little by little."

She enjoys having a small business. "We like our small town lifestyle. I don't know what I would do if it got to be a large business. Maybe sell it. Although it would be sort of like selling a child."

Conneau said she feels that way because the business has been such a family affair. Their 3-year-old daughter, Laura, has been featured in some recent ads. Her husband does the bookkeeping, and both of them make local deliveries. All three Conneaus have one noticeable characteristic in common—each has naturally curly hair.

Annie said she developed the original recipe after much trial and error. In the early years, she and her husband mixed and bottled it several times a month, she said.

Conneau said Carmel Valley Ranch was her first customer. The tennis and golf club started using the dressing in 1983 when she was employed there. Now the main dining room also uses it, she said.

Other customers including Mediterranean Market, Pezzini Farms, Nob Hill and Albertsons buy the gallon size for their salad bars or steamed vegetables, she said.

Conneau said she and her husband have always loved cooking together and have especially enjoyed Japanese and Chinese food. She "kept fooling around" with the original oriental dressing until she developed what she believes is a top-flight dressing.

Marketing consultants suggested she expand product offerings as gourmet food stores are more interested in handling companies with more than one product, she said. So she developed the "lite" dressing which had one-third of the sodium, one-



ANN-HOW ORIENTAL DRESSING is a family affair for Jeff and Annie Conneau and their daughter, Laura, who has been featured in recent ads for the couple's gourmet dressings.
Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

third of the fat and one-half the calories of the original dressing. Conneau said being a runner and health enthusiast, she prefers the lite, although the original is still her best seller.

Jeff, 45, who works at Mid Valley Safeway, created the barbecue sauce which they recommend using on both meat and vegetables.

Conneau said her father, Bruce Springer, a Mid Valley resident, came up with the name Ann-How. He thought it sounded oriental and was also catchy, she said. Labels on each of the three products say, "Oh Wow! Ann-How!"

Conneau said the salad dressing and barbecue markets are very competitive. "The market is saturated with barbecue sauce," she said noting the large companies can sell it for much less than the gourmet lines since they buy ingredients in such large quantities.

The Ann-How products are in a number of gourmet food stores in Los Angeles and San Diego, she said. "We're finding that's

our niche."

Frank Camp, a specialty food salesman out of Washington, markets their products for them along the West Coast.

Wilsey Foods of Oakland now makes and bottles the product for the Conneaus. "It has made our lives more manageable," Conneau said. The company also covers insurance costs, she said. "The insurance was astronomical."

Conneau said she answers about three or four phone calls a month from people who want to bottle their own specialty products. She likes to talk to them, "but I started thinking after a time, I may be hurting my own business," she said. "Maybe I should become a consultant."

This year the Conneaus created a wooden gift package with the two salad dressings and barbecue sauce which sells for around \$12. Gift packages are available at River Rock Cafe and Deli in Carmel Valley Village, Mid Valley Safeway, Nielsen's Market, Albertsons, and Pezzini Farm Produce in Carmel, and Nob Hill in Monterey.

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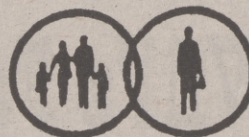


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Return to City House Inspections Might Catch Violations: Freeman

Urged to come up with a more punitive way to crack down on people who don't respect Carmel's open space and trees, City Attorney Don Freeman told the Forest and Beach Commission the best way might be to have the city return to its inspections when property is sold.

He also said the commission could ask the city to crack down on persons who fail to nurture replacement trees by making their care a condition of a use permit. If violated, the city would have the power to order removal of the structure that had been allowed to be built where a tree was cut down, he said.

"We could ask the City Council to go back to the R-1 inspection routine where they picked up that kind of concern," Freeman said. "But I suspect that under the real estate requirements today, the Realtors have to note anything that's not up to code. The city no longer has any review of property when a house is sold. We used to have house inspections. I believe they were termed 'not cost-effective.'"

He said the proposal of some commissioners that site coverage on a lot be noted on the deed "would be somewhat onerous to a property owner to have everything recorded on a title."

Commissioner Karen Ferlito said tree regulations on a specific lot should be mandated just like low flush toilets which are a requirement for any new construction or remodel. Commissioner Gary Girard asked why site coverage on a lot couldn't "become like a termite inspection."

"It depends on how important it is to the community," said Commissioner Roy Thomas. "This is sort of a wake-up call that it's being ignored. No one who buys a house comes and reads the municipal code."

"House inspections would do that," Freeman said.

"The space to put the forest is disappearing with remodels and new construction," Thomas said. "Our concern is to maintain the option for open space so we will have a less congested city. It's well within our charge to preserve the forest."

Ferlito said the commission was concerned about open space remaining open instead of being turned into patios, decks and walkways. Thomas said he never heard of anyone involved in the sale of a house talking about the structure covering more of the lot than was allowed.

It was Thomas who raised the issue of replacement trees "having a poor short-term survival rate." He said after joining the commission he made a personal in-

spection of the properties that had been allowed to cut down trees for new construction on the basis that replacement trees be planted. He said he found few had survived.

"If you go and check, and it's gone, what do you do?" Ferlito asked.

"We do have the power to require the structure be removed. Other communities do it," Freeman said. "We haven't done it yet."

The problem, Freeman said, was the city had no way to monitor such regulations. "The best way is to issue some type of conditional use permit for removal of the tree."

"So you'd require that the tree be maintained or the house could be removed?" Thomas said. "I believe the property owner would be happy to do that."

When Vice Chairman Don Kremer said he was "not sure there is a problem," Thomas invited him to go out and inspect the properties because, "Now it's the rule rather than the exception" not to nurture replacement trees.

"I contend it's a problem," Thomas said. "That's why we're talking about it."

CRA Petitions Protest Carmel Post Office's Station Master Loss

The Carmel Residents Association sent petitions bearing 615 names to district and local postal officials protesting the decision to eliminate the station master's position at the Carmel-by-the-Sea post office.

In a letter, CRA President Beth Wright said because of the "great public interest and concern," it would have been easy to collect two or three times as many signatures if the CRA had continued its effort past Thanksgiving.

In an effort to reduce costs, the postal service said it would no longer budget for a station master at Carmel-by-the-Sea, leaving the highest employee there a finance clerk.

The CRA petition argued that "such a shift in management would certainly result in a deterioration of service... and create a great hardship by denying citizens access to an on-site manager..."

The letter and petitions were sent to district postal officials in San Jose as well as local Postmaster Don Ask and Rep. Sam Farr, D-Carmel.



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AN ATTRACTIVE WATERCOLOR of the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula was lost last month when it fell off the top of a car while being moved from the church for the congregation's 30th anniversary celebration. The painting is signed by James Kramer, but carries no other identification. Church members hope someone found the painting between the church and Rancho Cañada Golf Course and will return it if they understand its importance.

Church Seeks Help in Finding Painting

"I can't fathom that anyone would keep it if they knew how important it is to the church. But the trouble is, there is nothing on it to identify it."

With that, Mary Jane Hammerland, a member of Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, issued an appeal for help in finding a 20-by-30 inch missing watercolor of the church.

It was lost on Nov. 7, when Hammerland absent mindedly left it on top of her car while driving artifacts from the church to Rancho Cañada Golf Course for a celebration of the church's 30th anniversary.

The church and the golf club are right next door to one another and share a common driveway off Carmel Valley Road. Hammerland said she was driving

very slowly, and not more than 10 minutes could have elapsed until she returned to find shattered glass by the roadway near the ninth hole.

From where she found the glass, she said she thought that someone either driving by in an automobile or in a golf cart could have picked up the watercolor.

It was painted in 1973 by James Kramer, whose signature is on the painting, when a fund raising drive was completed to build the sanctuary of the church. The church parish hall and office facilities were constructed in 1963 when it was founded.

"I hope that someone found the painting and kept it not knowing where it belongs or how important it is to our members," Hammerland said.

County Told to Pay A-1 Ambulance \$568,000

Monterey County has been ordered by a federal judge to pay A-1 Ambulance of Salinas \$568,283 in compensatory damages and for business losses, profit and interest because of the way it arbitrarily regulated ambulance services including rates.

A spokesman for A-1 Ambulance said the firm will also apply for attorneys' fees from the county in the San Jose court within 60 days.

"We feel vindicated," said Dr. Eugene Dong, vice president of A-1. "It's taken a long time, but I hope the public now sees what the county has been doing. A-1 has not been fighting the regulation of rates per se, but rather the heavy-handed way the county did it. The judge agreed with us."

The award followed the decision of Judge William Ingram on Oct. 14 that the county violated A-1's constitutional right to earn a profit by arbitrarily setting rates in 1988 for advanced life support ambulance service too low. The judge also found that in also regulating non-emergency ambu-

lance services in the county, the Board of Supervisors violated the Sherman Antitrust Act.

In his opinion, Ingram noted that A-1 suffered a loss of \$210,475 in fiscal 1989 and \$205,664 in 1990 "because of its inability to realize sufficient revenue to operate its business caused by the low rates..."

Originally, Ingram announced an award of \$430,587. But in an amended judgment filed with the court clerk, Ingram said he raised the award to \$568,283 by adding up actual losses, factoring in 7.5 percent as reasonable profit and accounting for interest on the amount.

Attorney Stephen Lankes of Salinas, representing the Board of Supervisors, argued that the award should have been \$149,273.

In his statement, Dong said both the public and the media should pay closer attention to the supervisors' actions in regulatory fields. "This is an outrageous example of proven arbitrary action costing scarce taxpayer money," he said.

Hotelman Ashton A. Stanley Dies

Ashton A. Stanley, 87, who managed many of California's most prestigious hotels and created the Beach and Tennis Club while he headed the Lodge at Pebble Beach, died Dec. 1 at Carmel Villa Residential Care home.

In 1990, Stanley was inducted into the California Hotel and Motel Association's Hall of Fame for his leadership, service and professionalism.

A native of Oakland, he first came to Monterey with his family in 1915. After graduating from Stanford in 1928, he worked four years in the accounting office of the Hotel Del Monte where his father, Carl, was manager from 1915 to 1945.

Subsequently, he went on to manage the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Honolulu, the Biltmore and Ambassador in Los Angeles, the St. Catherine on Santa Catalina Island, the Hotel del Coronado on Coronado Island

and the Mark Hopkins in San Francisco.

He leased Carmel's La Playa Hotel from 1952 to 1963 and bought the Colonial Terrace Inn in Carmel in 1965. He sold it in 1970, becoming a consultant to the Highlands Inn.

Stanley is survived by a brother, Fred of Carmel. His wife, Irene, died in 1989.

He created the Beach and Tennis Club on Stillwater Cove in 1938 while general manager of the Del Monte Lodge. S. F. B. Morse warned him his idea wouldn't work, but told him he could go ahead and turn a former fishing camp into a club if he could get at least 200 members. He signed up more than that in two months.

Funeral services were private, the family asking that any memorials be sent to the Hospice of the Central Coast, P. O. Box 2480, Monterey, 93942.

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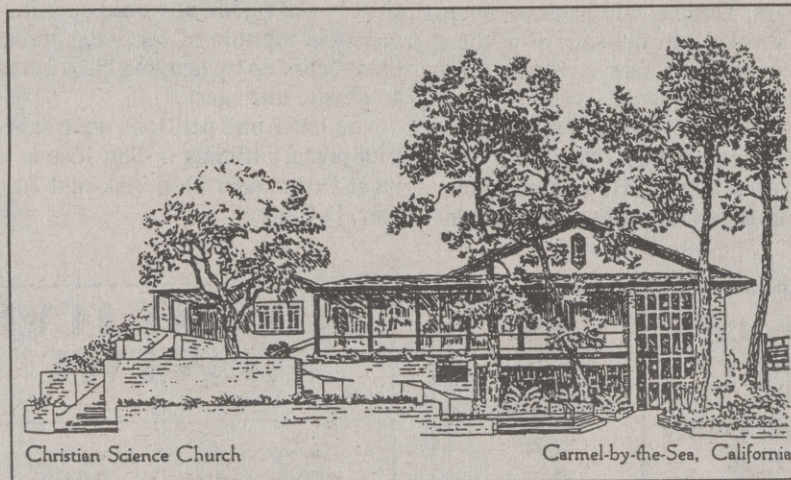
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Season Greeted with Tree Lighting, Valley Tour

The Mid Valley Fire Department welcomed the Christmas season on Friday with its tree lighting celebration, and Valley wineries and lodges entered into the spirit of the season by hosting a tour called "A Country Christmas in Carmel Valley."

Marge Kohler, a Mid Valley resident and one of the first volunteers at the fire department, lit the tree lights last Friday night. The tree sits on the hillside near Saddle Mountain Ranch, and its lights can be seen from many Valley locations.

For those who missed the Carmel Valley hotels and wineries tour, it will be offered again Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tours to view the Christmas decorations and

partake of holiday treats, will depart by van from Quail Lodge and proceed to Chateau Julien, Carmel Valley Ranch, Los Laureles Lodge, Bernardus Winery, Robles del Rio Lodge and Stonepine Resort and Equestrian Center.

The cost of the tour is \$5 per person, and all proceeds will be donated to the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center. For reservations contact John Muth, chief concierge at Stonepine at 659-2245.

Muth said he hopes the tour will become an annual tradition which people will look forward to each year. It gives residents who don't usually stay in the local resorts a chance to see them, he said.

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CV Club Attracts Rockhounds from all over Peninsula

By Carolyn Rice

"Cruises to Mexico are out. There are no rocks on those ships. I'm not going," said Fred Rovetti of Monterey, a member of the Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society.

For 34 years, it has brought together members who wield pickaxes, get excited about finding a special specimen and spend much of their spare time clamboring over the landscape in search of gems, minerals and fossils.

The rockhounds in the society have now created the pebble pups—junior members—and both come from all over the peninsula to pursue their hobby in the company of like-minded individuals. Many members put their finds to use in handmade jewelry.

Rovetti is in charge of planning field trips for the group. "I'm going to look for rocks whether someone goes with me or not," he said. He has led members to California destinations such as Big Sur, Virgin Valley, Alturas and Frenchman's Lake. Club members also have searched for gems and minerals in Nevada and Arizona, and Rovetti is planning a club trip to Colorado next July.

Between Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, one of the biggest rockhound gatherings in the nation will take place at Quartzsite, Ariz., on Highway 10, Rovetti said. About 20,000 to 30,000 motorhomes show up during the month, and around 2,000 rock dealers will be on hand at various times to show their wares to rockhounds and the snowbirds who come from the north to escape bad weather. Rovetti plans to operate a booth, displaying his rocks and jewelry for a week.

A Carmel Valley couple who has been going to Quartzsite for the past 10 years is Matt and Barbara Biewer. They go the first weekend of February when four rock shows take place consecutively. Matt Biewer said he thought the number of people who show up is even larger than Rovetti thought.

He read in the Lapidary Journal that between 100,000 and 200,000 campers and motorhomes and 1.3 million people come.



SEARCHING FOR FOSSILS alongside a Carmel Valley Road, Fred Rovetti pursues "rockhounding" at every opportunity. Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

But Biewer warns anyone who visits the small town to go early in the morning or they may find themselves caught in an hour-long traffic jam at the town's one intersection.

"It's a phenomenon," he said. Besides rocks, the gathering features flea markets, camel races, balloon races, a rodeo and ultralight airplanes last year. "But the main thing is rocks," Biewer said.

Biewer has belonged to the club since 1974. He said he wasn't positive how old the club is, but last September the show at the Monterey Fairgrounds was billed as the club's 34th annual one. Members exhibit their collections and jewelry at the show which takes place the last weekend of September, and professional dealers also

come with their fossils, minerals and gems.

Rovetti said the Carmel Valley club has about 100 members, and nearly half of them attend the monthly meetings at the community room in the Crossroads Shopping Center at 7:30 on the second Friday each month. At meetings, speakers cover many topics to do with the hobby.

"Six years ago I was bit," he said of his fascination with rocks. "I don't know what it is. It's a crazy hobby." Field trips slow during the winter months, but during the rest of the year, the club organizes a trip once a month. He said most of his vacations and trips are planned around rockhounding.

Rovetti and his wife, Janis, own a restaurant, Duffey Hunter's, in Monterey. He said he thinks he is drawn to the hobby because of the solitude of the field trips.

After being around people during work, he loves the quiet of the desert and other locations the club visits.

He cooks for the club on the trips, using a grate from a floor furnace he bought at a yard sale for \$5. Using rocks to form a pit, he builds a fire underneath the grate and can barbecue meat or even cook a prime rib roast in a Dutch oven. "I do the cooking but no KP," he said.

The club often takes trips to Bureau of Land Management acreage and to national forest land where most sites are open for collecting, Rovetti said.

His biggest find was a black opal appraised at between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Rovetti said he paid \$45 a day to dig at the Royal Peacock Mine in the Virgin Valley about 140 miles northwest of Winnemucca, Nev. He has gone up there a number of different times and has spent 40 days altogether digging at the mine. "I got bit by the opal bug bad."

He found his prize opal on his 30th day of digging, he said. "I hit a pocket that took two weeks to dig out." Rovetti said while digging he would leave his tools at night to signify he was working the area. "People respect the stake," he said.

A root beer colored specimen stone with red and green flecks, the opal must be kept in water because if it dries out it might become unstable, Rovetti said.

Club members have prospected for artinite and mellonite garnets at Clear Creek east of King City. They look for obsidian between Alturas and Goose Lake. "In some places you have to get a national forest permit," Rovetti said. "They are free but they limit the amount you can collect."

Among the treasures the members search for are amethyst crystals, quartz crystals, wolfenite crystals, scepter crystals and plasma agate. "I keep most everything I find," Rovetti said. "I work the stones into jewelry."

Rovetti has taken geology, lapidary, jewelry making and metal arts at Monterey Peninsula College to further the pursuits of his hobby.

"I would like this to be my business, but there are a lot of rock shops for sale out there," he said.

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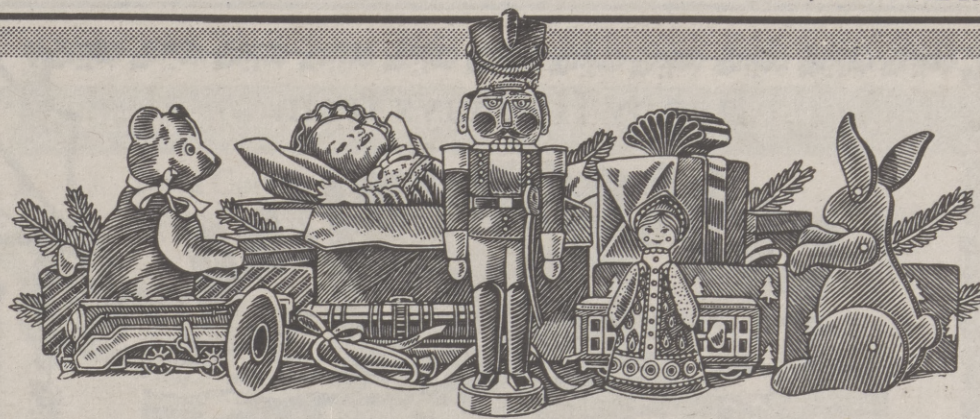
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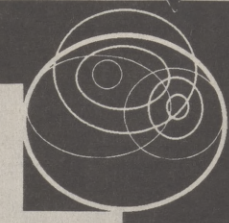
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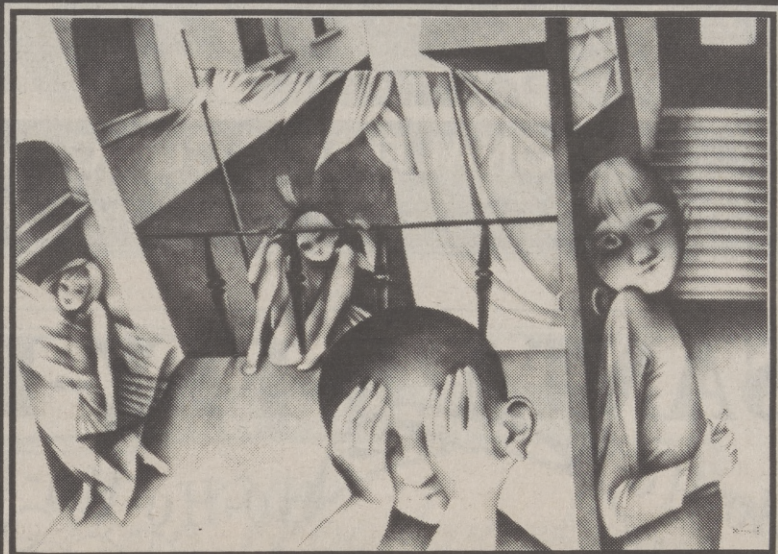


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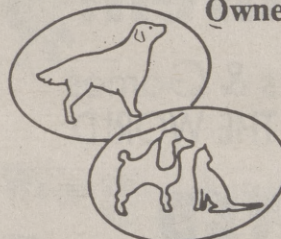
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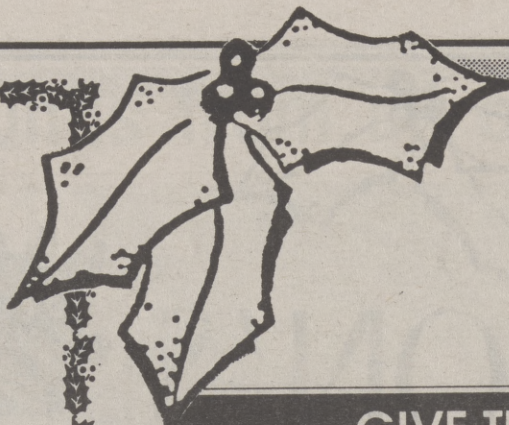


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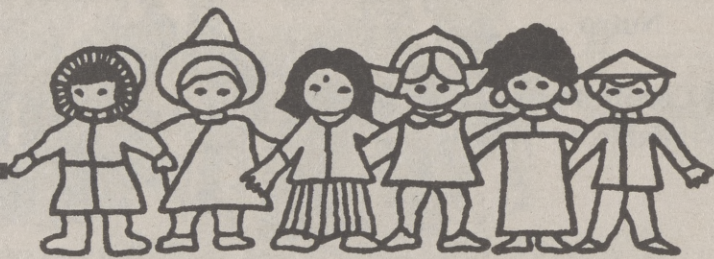
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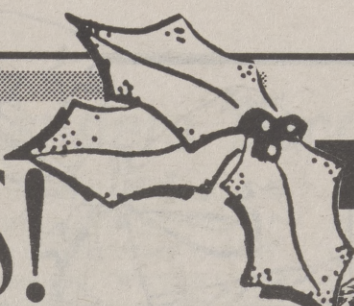
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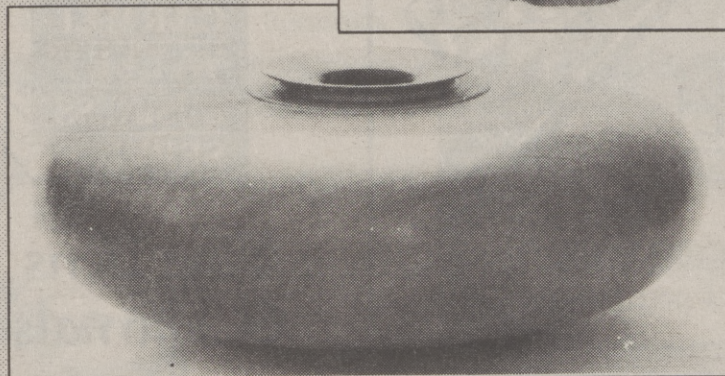
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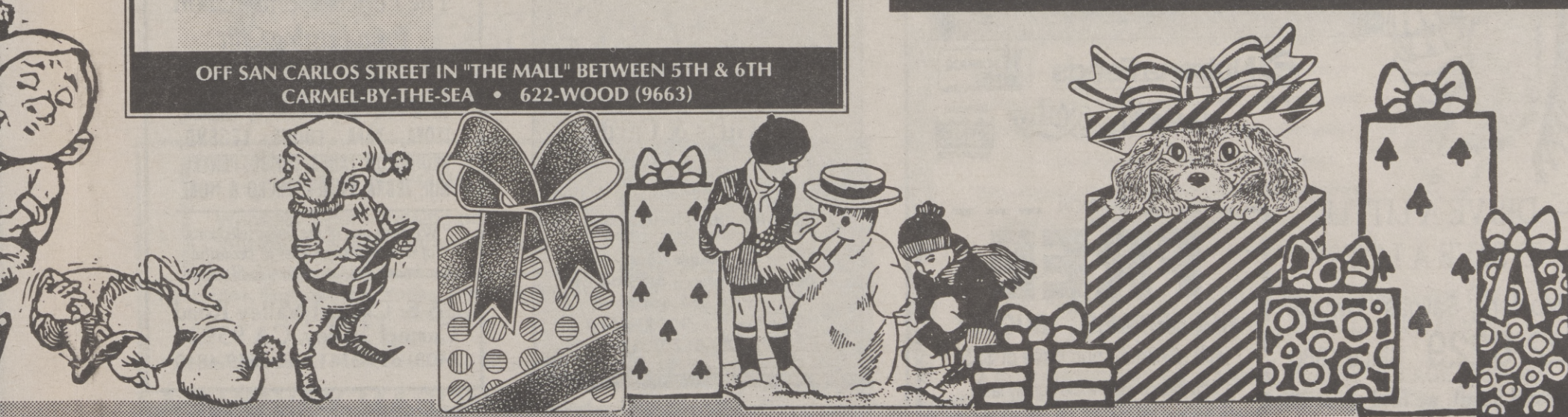
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Livingston Named to Flanders Decorator Showcase Committee

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lic supports selling or keeping it. There is not a clear picture out there."

During the meeting some of the committee members talked about being "disbanded," without further explanation until White said, "The word 'disbanded' has been used twice. Is there concern? I don't feel that way."

"If the council decided to disband us, what other word would we use?" asked Chair Pauline Stanley.

"I don't see that happening," White said.

Jim Gregg, a committee member and Carmel Heritage representative, said he was there to present a preliminary report on how the showcase was to be handled and how controls would be put into effect to protect the house.

"We need time to read what Jim has given us," Stanley said, and the group argued over when they could give him their input.

"We are going ahead with the Decorator Showcase," Gregg said. "If we're not, I'm putting myself in a position of commitment that I don't want to be in. People are

already spending money. I am operating on the basis that we will go ahead."

"We realize the inconvenience to everybody today," Stanley said. "We want to read this and understand where we stand."

"I don't understand what the delay is," Gregg insisted. "I anticipated some input from this group. The goal is to have a final document by the 5th or 10th of January in place when the designers are selected."

Livingston said she supported the showcase but wondered why Alliance for Aging was selected to participate when "we could have done it ourselves and raised money for the city. We won't realize any money from this. I don't see it as a money-maker for the city."

"It will make a substantial improvement to the building," Gregg said. "I don't think it will be a money maker. The Alliance has the expense and the exposure."

Gregg said Heritage would get back any of its expenses before the Alliance took out any profits.

"I don't think the Mission Trail Park Committee should have any concern with these guidelines," Livingston said. "There is no possible threat of badly conceived cosmetics."

But member Enid Sales insisted there should be a professional architectural historian involved. Then she suggested the committee appoint someone like Livingston.

"Who is going to make sure they put it back to where it was?" asked member Russell Gifford, an architect. "Heritage has indicated they want to drop the lease."



BARBARA LIVINGSTON

"No. That's absolutely not correct," said Gregg. "Our report was that we felt we had the responsibility to determine what was the best future for the house. We believe the house was designed to be a residence...the best use would be as a residence."

But Gifford said it had been considered that "the best use was to get someone in here like Heritage" to look after needed repairs in the house, "and we thought it would be Heritage. Now none of that has been done. Looks to me like Heritage is going to say, 'We're going to have this big showcase and then we're going to sell it.'"

Gifford recalled a City Council meeting in 1987 when the Planning Commission recommended it would be counter to the General Plan to sell Flanders.

"The world doesn't stay the same," Gregg said. "We believed our responsibility was to look at alternative uses of the building, and we've done just that."

"That's why you made a five-year lease

to come up with this idea to sell it?" asked Gifford.

"Your credibility's in question," said Sales.

"I'm disappointed the discussion has turned this way," White interjected. "The council has voted for better or worse to let Heritage go ahead. If the showcase creates damage or something like that, it falls squarely on Heritage's shoulders. I thought the issue was how to make the showcase successful. Heritage has permission to continue with it, and they have full responsibility."

When Stanley suggested the committee would get back to Gregg by Jan. 7, he said that would be too late and added, "I'm not seeking anything quite frankly."

To solve the impasse, Livingston then was approved as a member of the decorator committee.

Flanders Mansion Is in ESHA

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during Mayor Clint Eastwood's term after an engineering study estimated repairs would cost \$359,632. Present Mayor Ken White was chairman of the Planning Commission.

In 1987, Mary Ann Matthews of the California Native Plant Society, protested in behalf of the Rowntree Arboretum, as did Joyce Stevens who called for an EIR prior to a sale. She said having people in the house "would create noise in the arboretum."

The late Marjorie Lloyd, then director of Carmel Heritage, wrote the city that Flanders Estate "is not considered to have any historical significance by the Carmel Heritage Society nor is it listed in their Survey Map of Significant Buildings." Lloyd also said the 4,500 square foot house was "by no means a mansion."

The city was accused of trying to bypass the EIR process. Letters on file show that some thought the house should be torn down while others argued that the property was paid for by taxpayers, and the money might be better spent on a project that was available for use by all the people.

On March 12, 1987, Harriett Rowntree, then chair of the Arboretum Committee, wrote the city that the committee had voted unanimously to recommend demolition of Flanders and retention of the land for a park.

Chair Pat Sippel of the Recreation

Commission opposed sale of the house in a letter to Eastwood March 2 that year. She cited enabling ordinances which she said gave the Recreation Commission review of any proposed disposition of city recreation property or parkland.

"I wish I could wave a magic wand and make that very troublesome house disappear so that the whole park would be open space," wrote Carol LeNeve March 11, 1987, in a letter to the Arboretum Committee.

The sale at the time was being considered to get the funds for the city to buy the Crocker Bank for a library annex. A Negative Declaration was issued.

An archaeological report was issued March 16, 1987, for Flanders Estate and the 1.43 acres on which it sits. Prepared by Gary Breschini and Charles Smith, it concluded, "The project area does not contain surface or subsurface evidence of potentially significant cultural resources."

"None of the materials frequently associated with subsurface prehistoric cultural resources in this area were noted," they said.

At the May 1987 council meeting, Eastwood said the city should either sell or demolish the mansion. The Planning Commission had recommended that disposition of the property did not conform to the General Plan and the decision was deferred.



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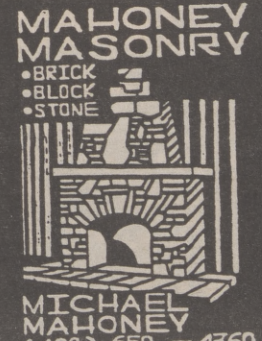
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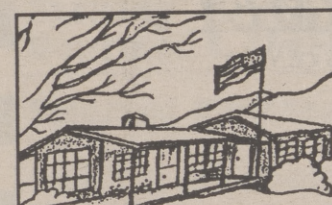


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TROWEL & HOE

BY MARK EATON

The traditional flower of the Christmas season, the poinsettia, has never had it so good.

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Today's cultivars feature stronger stems, larger more colorful bracts and better keeping qualities.

These refinements have enabled the poinsettia to become the No. 1 flowering potted plant in the United States. Over 52 million plants are sold nationwide each year.

Indeed, with these improved modern varieties, poinsettia can last in the home for months, and many people end up throwing them out while they are still looking relatively fresh.

The poinsettia is a native of Mexico and was discovered in a region near present day Taxco. Joel Roberts Poinsett, a Southern plantation owner and botanist, was appointed the first United States Ambassador to Mexico (1825-1829). While visiting Taxco, he was impressed with the brilliant red plants he found blooming during December. He had some of the plants dug up and sent to his plantation in Greenville, S. C. They did well in his greenhouse, and he distributed plants to fellow horticulturists.

The botanical name *Euphorbia Pulcherrima* was given by a German taxonomist in 1833. The common name, poinsettia, however, has remained the accepted one in English-speaking countries.

Joel Poinsett passed away on Dec. 12, 1851, but the poinsettia went on to become the living symbol of Christmas. In fact, Dec. 12 has officially been proclaimed as

National Poinsettia Day. It is actually documented in Chase's List of Annual Events.

One nice thing about the poinsettia having its day is an opportunity to clear up a long-standing misconception. Since around 1919, a common fallacy has circulated alleging the poisonous nature of poinsettias. However, the safety of poinsettias in the home was clearly proven in a scientific investigation conducted by Ohio State University in cooperation with the Society of American Florists.

This research demonstrated that no toxicity was evident at experimental ingestion levels far exceeding those likely to occur in a home environment.

In fact, the Poisindex Information Service, the primary source used by most poison control centers, states that a 50-pound child would have to eat over 500 poinsettia bracts to surpass experimental doses. Yet even at this level, no toxicity is indicated. Like all ornamental plants, of course, the poinsettia is not intended for human or animal consumption. (Deer don't usually read this column.)

Greenhouse grown poinsettias will stay fairly attractive for a minimum of two months if not subjected to temperatures under 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The signs of a durable plant are: stiff stems, good leaf and bract retention and no signs of wilting or drooping.

The plants should not be purchased from a place of business which displays them anywhere outdoors in the evenings; the plants need to be in a heated building or greenhouse. If the plants are in paper or plastic sleeves but have not just arrived at the store, avoid them—they are likely to suffer from premature leaf drop.

The poinsettia will do best in an area in the home with indirect natural light. They should get light for at least six hours a day. Avoid a location where the plant is



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exposed to direct sunlight, as this may fade the bract color. If direct sun cannot be avoided, diffuse the light with a shade or sheer curtain.

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Keep the soil moderately moist. Water the poinsettia thoroughly when the soil surface feels slightly dry to a light touch. Remove the plant from decorative pots or covers and water enough to saturate the soil.

Like almost any other houseplant, poinsettias should not be allowed to sit in standing water; this can rot the roots and kill the plant. It is not necessary to fertilize the poinsettia when it is in bloom. A balanced, all-purpose houseplant food may help maintain rich, green foliage and promote new growth after the holidays.

Shop soon for the best selection. Some customers become frustrated when they come to our nursery a day or two before Christmas and find slim pickings on the poinsettias. Think about it: if we have a wide selection on Dec. 24, chances are we will have a wide selection on Dec. 26 when no one will be buying them anymore.

The other thing to remember is that wholesale growers want to have their plants shipped and greenhouses close to empty by about Dec. 15. Modern greenhouse techniques enable the growers to control "finish time" on the poinsettia much more accurately than in the past.

But it is still far from a perfect science. You don't want to get too clever and try to have a big batch ready for the week before Christmas. Several rainy or overcast days in succession could leave the bracts immature, with not enough color to sell.

I have heard more than one story over the years about a grower being stuck with several thousand unsaleable poinsettias on Christmas Day, making for a pretty gloomy holiday celebration in his home. There is no insurance policy available to cover that kind of crop loss.

I have a love/hate relationship with poinsettias, the same type of thing I have with Easter lilies. I can appreciate their beauty and cheerful color for the holidays. But I don't miss those years in the wholesale greenhouse trade fretting about the condition of the crop—adding gray hairs to my head at too young an age.

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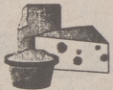
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New Agency Power Causes Concern

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Long, outgoing chairman of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District when his board was discussing Karas' request to LAFCO to begin an initial study into a possible consolidation.

Most of the directors of MPWMD also expressed indignation that Karas would ask LAFCO to look a possible consolidation between it, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency.

Even more outspoken was Charlotte Townsend, a director of the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD). "They're trying to put us out of business to get our funds," she declared during a discussion of the amendments at the last CAWD board meeting.

Noting CAWD's reserves, which total some \$5 million, she told her colleagues that special districts' "money is coveted throughout the state."

"That's absolutely not true," Karas said of Townsend's assertion that any consolidation would simply be to get at CAWD's reserves and income. "I can understand that these directors want to be protective, to defend the autonomy of their agencies, but the public is demanding that they be more responsive, that every cent be accounted for."

Despite the consternation of many special district directors, safeguards are built into LAFCO's rules to prevent it from steamrolling over local desires. A proposal consolidation must be approved by voters if 10 percent of the voters in any of the affected districts sign a petition requesting an election.

Perkins went even further than Karas to try to allay fears, saying that LAFCO's role was to "suggest, not force" consolidations. Agreed Jim Cook, executive director of LAFCO: "Our role is to ask the question, 'Is there a better way to do business?'"

Cook also insisted that LAFCO "isn't going to go out willy-nilly and try to force consolidations. There must be information in the record about a service deficiency or a potential savings before we act."

The amendments contained in AB 1335, known as the Gotch Bill, also provide that the LAFCO organization in each county will be required to seat two representatives of special districts if a majority of the independent special districts in the county request it. Previously LAFCO could include special district members if it chose to.

In addition to Perkins and Karas, the Monterey County LAFCO is made up of Mayors Alan Stiles of Salinas and Lance McClair of Seaside and Candy Ingram of Pacific Grove, representing the public at large.

Ingram Told The Sun, "I can understand why they (district directors) are concerned," but suggested LAFCO's role would not change that much despite the amendments.

Citing continuing budget restrictions, she added: "I think it would behoove special districts, rather than worrying about this, to spend their time looking at themselves, how they do business and if they can be more effective and efficient."

Cook said he was putting together a list of the 123 special districts that exist in Monterey County to present to the LAFCO board Dec. 14. He declined to provide a copy of the list to The Sun until he was sure it was correct, explaining the county hadn't keep very good track of some special districts in the past.

Based on comments by the special district directors The Sun spoke with, it seemed almost certain that an effort will be made to place representatives of the districts on LAFCO to help protect against what many directors see as a serious threat to the existence of their districts.

Neither Karas nor Perkins would offer an estimate of the potential savings that could be achieved through consolidation of some of the many special districts. Karas did say he thought a potential existed for savings at "every phase of government."

LAFCO's Role

Legislation creating a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) in every county in the state except the city-county of San Francisco was approved by the state legislature in 1963.

It grew out of a commission on Metropolitan Area Problems that Gov. Pat Brown appointed in 1959 to try to deal with the explosion in population and development that occurred in California following World War II.

Each LAFCO is charged with coordinating changes in local government boundaries, conducting studies into possible reorganizations aimed at streamlining government and defining spheres of influence for each city and special district in the county. LAFCO's charge is to see that government services are provided efficiently while agricultural and open-space lands are protected.

He suggested that over time, consolidations brought about through the LAFCO process could lead to more regionalized government.

Saying that every level of government will be challenged to become more cost effective in the future, he cited the potential savings from merging small cities such as Sand City with Seaside, noting that Sand City only has about 200 residents "and just 93 voters." He also recalled that as a Monterey School Board member, he saw similar schools just a few miles apart each with their own principals, suggesting that some of the school districts on the peninsula perhaps should be combined.

"You have to wonder if government can't better serve the taxpayers by consolidating forces in some manner," Karas said, "and I certainly don't exclude the county itself when I say that."

Chief Gary Carmichael of the Mid Valley Volunteer Fire Department is an outspoken advocate of consolidation. When he attempted to merge some of the Carmel-Carmel Valley fire protection districts, following up on a county suggestion that six department be merged, he ran into almost solid opposition from other fire districts.

He told The Sun he still believes the consolidation of fire districts is one of many places where government could become more effective, noting there are 19 fire agencies in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County, not counting operations by the California Department of Forestry (CDF).

"You could provide better service, maximize individual talents and be able to take advantage of economies of scale," Carmichael said. "It would be a tremendous benefit."

Both proponents of mergers and those fearful of them agreed that the key decision in a proposed consolidation was whether the savings possible through a larger organization would more than offset the value of having government as close to the people as possible.

Declaring he is a "strong proponent of local government," Perkins, a retired CDF official, nonetheless noted California has one state government, 58 counties, maybe as many as 600 cities and 5,500 to 6,000 special districts.

He suggested the state may not be able to "get as lean and mean" as it must without consolidations in some instances. He also suggested that he thought there eventually would be consolidation of some fire protection services. "I would support that."

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FUN-IN-THE-SUN

BY DAVE LYON

The first annual Carmel Valley Village Christmas Tree lighting ceremony will be held Friday at 6:00 p. m. at the Community Park on Ford road. This new Valley tradition, sponsored by your friends and neighbors on the Park District Board and made possible by locals Pat Ireland and Doug MacIsaac of Greystone Productions, will officially kick-off the Valley Christmas season, and precede the popular Santa's Fly-in, which will be Saturday.

Randy Randazzo, local grocer and tree-lighting event co-ordinator, said everyone is encouraged to gather at the community park between 5 and 5:30 to enjoy cider, hot chocolate and cookies and caroling, compliments of the Park District Board, in preparation for the tree-lighting at 6:00.

There will follow a few brief but moving speeches. The tree will remain lit throughout the holiday season for everyone to enjoy. Just as the tree-lighting marks the beginning of a new tradition here in the Valley, the 35th Santa's Fly-in marks the return of an annual favorite, and a very popular Yule ritual for everyone.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by airplane at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Carmel Valley Airport. After greeting the crowds, they will be escorted by parade through the Village to the Community Center on Ford Road where they will hear Christmas wishes from everyone, young and old alike. Photos with Santa will be available.

Do not miss this once-a-year chance to tell St. Nick what you want for Christmas. (Hey, I did this last year, and it really works. Now that Porsche is sitting in my garage. Thank you, Santa.)

A big part of the Santa's Fly-In is the parade which gives everyone here in the Valley a chance to get involved. Parade organizer Randy Randazzo (is there anything he doesn't organize?) wants to encourage

everyone to be a part of this year's festivities and join the parade.

Get a group of friends together, put on felt antlers, dance on the back of a flat-bed, drive your vintage auto or just wear a silly hat and play the kazoo. You can become part of Carmel Valley history and maybe even get your picture in The Sun.

Contact Randy at Carmel Valley Market, or call the Community Youth Center office at 659-3938 on how to make this year the one that you're famous in the Valley. Everyone is encouraged to get involved.

After visiting with Santa at the Community Center, residents will be treated to an afternoon of live music, arts and crafts booths, games for the kids, face-painting, balloons for everyone, a bake sale, and a best-decorated bike contest. Everyone with a decorated bike should meet at the airfield Saturday morning and be a part of the Fly-In parade.

Also at the Community Center will be delicious treats and, of course, everybody's favorite, "Moosehead Eggnog," guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit. Show your support for the Valley and the Community Center and come on out for the 35th Santa's Fly-In.

Special kudos and a nod of appreciation goes out to CVCYC board members Tim Dorick, Nick Crafty, Tony Glanville, President Bill Tarp and volunteer (we think) Brandon Glanville for braving the drizzle and forsaking the 'Niner game last Sunday to help deliver the new Youth Center hot tub. The tub is now stored in preparation for installation at the new Youth Center which is now being remodeled.

Speaking of which, the call has gone out to the good folks of Carmel Valley urging renewed support for the Community Center. The old main building is being converted into a center for the hundreds of sixth through twelfth graders in the Valley, and a new, main meeting hall will be installed adjacent to the original building. Your financial help is needed to make this plan a reality.

Take a minute to answer the recent mailing from the CVCYC and join the many of your friends and neighbors who have already pledged to being a part of a first-class Community Center. If you didn't receive the most recent mailing or would like to receive another one, please call the CVCYC office at 659-3938.

Special thanks to the scores who have donated or pledged towards our first major community-wide fund-raising drive; together, we can build a Community Center to truly be proud of.

See ya'll at the tree lighting and Santa's Fly-In this weekend.



RETIRING CARMEL SCHOOL board member, Pat Herro, at right, received thanks from teachers and friends for her eight years of board service. District teachers Ethyl Radowicz and Karen King greeted Herro, a Carmel Valley resident, at a Quail Meadows reception. Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

Rec Director Hired for Carmel

A Greenbrae woman with a background in youth and college age recreation has been hired for the position of Carmel Recreation Coordinator, City Administrator Jere Kersnar announced. The action was seen as confirming that the department will not be disbanded.

Joslin Soule, one of 20 applicants for the job, was scheduled to start work Jan. 3, Kersnar said. She was chosen from five of the 20 who were interviewed by a committee composed of Assistant Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio, City Forester Gary Kelly, Acting Recreation Coordinator Jerry Pullen and Pat Sippel and Laurie Schumann of the Recreation Commission.

Pullen has been acting director since Mike Gorczyca resigned in August to take another position following two years of uncertainty in which the administration proposed to cut the department because of budget restraints. Each time it was saved by the City Council.

"She is very self-motivated, very energetic," Pullen said. "She will bring administrative experience to the department." Soule had administrative experience when she worked with UC San Diego at La Jolla in programming and supervision, he said.

She also has been a basketball referee, managed a Red Cross Health and Safety program and was a summer physical education instructor for the Children's Creative Arts Academy in San Diego. She earned a BA from the University of San Diego and an Advanced Certificate in Russian from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She presently is working at a

health and fitness center in the Bay area, Pullen said.

Pullen declined to say what Soule's salary would be. The position pays in the range of \$2,196 to \$2,669 per month plus 33 percent of that amount in benefits.

"I'm very excited to get her down here so I can return to City Hall, and the recreation programs can get the attention they need," Pullen said.

Parking Ban Proposed On CV Road at Park

County supervisors agreed to hold a public hearing on Jan. 4 on an ordinance that would ban parking on the north side of Carmel Valley Road between Pilot and Ford Roads.

The board, acting by consent, set the hearing at its Tuesday meeting after getting a report from the Public Works Department that parking on the narrow shoulder on the third of a mile stretch inhibits westbound traffic and limits the sight distance for drivers pulling out of driveways.

The report said the parking ban was proposed by the Community Center, PSTS and an unidentified Valley resident. It said 9,000 vehicles a day use the section of Carmel Valley Road at the south end of Community Park.

Libraries Are Seeking Magazine Sponsors

The Monterey County Free Libraries has begun an Adopt-a-Magazine fund-raising campaign to help maintain the magazine collections at branch libraries.

Supporters can adopt a magazine for their branch by donating the cost of an annual subscription for any magazine currently in the library's collection. The budget for such purchases has dropped nearly 32 percent or \$100,000 from the previous year, officials said.

Anyone interested in adopting a magazine can contact their local branch of the Monterey County Free Libraries for a list of its magazines.

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OUT AND ABOUT

BY ISABELLE HALL

The rich are different than you and me as F. Scott Fitzgerald pointed out. One of the ways at least some of them are different is a distilled sense of the need to pay back to society for their richness.

In 1964, I took a sabbatical from reporting and became press secretary for the Vermont Republican Party for 10 months. I was at a turning point in my career, bored with being New England Radio-TV Editor for United Press International, and uncertain I could accept a transfer to London or Rome with my young daughter. My father was anxious to look after Cathy for me but I did not want to give her up even for a year or two.

I had covered lots of extremely wealthy people through the years as a UPI reporter. But working for the Vermont GOP party leader gave me the strongest insight into the inbred need of the very rich to be a volunteer.

Derek Vanderbilt Webb carried two of the most famous names in America. Vast wealth on both sides of the family went back generations. A patrician, he told me often how he had been raised with a deep obligation to do whatever he could for his fellow man in an attempt to repay what fortune had done for his family. I've met others like him who constantly remind themselves how lucky they are to be in their affluent circumstances. I'm talking about people like Jack Kennedy, so rich they don't even carry money. I had a fairly rich uncle in Toronto who had a \$100 bill sewn in the lining of all his jackets back in the '50's because he usually forgot to carry money. I expect the cash dated back, however, to the time when his forebears were poor Norwegian immigrants to Canada.

I will never forget the day Webb took me to meet his mother, a potter, who was a Roosevelt Democrat. This formidable lady greeted us in her exquisite cottage on the shores of Lake Champlain wearing a mud-spattered coverall, her hands gray with caked clay. She offered us tea and proceeded to tell me she thought her son had strayed far from her side by becoming a Republican, and didn't I agree. I saw my position as a job, besides which I was still a Canadian citizen at that point, and I discreetly kept quiet. I didn't know what to say to Mrs. Webb in any event. I had never met anyone quite like her before.

Her late husband had inherited a magnificent summer home on the Vermont estate which she disdained for the cottage tucked into the woods. Her primary residence was in New York City where she had founded the American Crafts Museum.

Her son also disdained the grand house for a more contemporary-style home nearby although he and his family moved into the mansion every summer when they entertained hordes of students from Oxford and other parts of the world in a most casual style. The enormous ballroom of the house was turned into a communal dining room

where meals were served sort of like camping out, complete with a huge aluminum milk dispenser such as those used in restaurants. Today, the original house has become a museum, I understand. It would be a remarkable bit of history to preserve as one of the summer playgrounds of members of The Four Hundred who traveled by horse-drawn coaches to visit before the days of the automobile.

Derek Webb spent his time trying to drum up support for the GOP. He was delighted when I suggested we print a monthly party newspaper and proposed to create some news for it by flying to all 16 of the little airstrips in the state.

Derek only had vision in one eye but he was such an avid pilot that there was no way I could deter him from this enterprise. He proposed we take off and land at each airstrip in the course of one summer's day with pre-arranged welcoming parties of loyal, local Republicans.

At each stop, I took photographs of the event, and we made a big splash in my local party paper, written, edited and photographed by me, the only GOP publicist in the state. I had to dredge up all I had learned at journalism school to jump from being a wire service reporter to laying out a newspaper.

We took off from the airstrip on Webb's cattle ranch at Shelbourne as his doe-eyed Brown Swiss cows watched in bemusement.

The day "flew" by, if you'll pardon the pun, an exciting interlude in what came to be a depressing election. It was just my luck that Vermont, a bastion of Republicanism that had never voted Democratic, did so that year.

It was the year of Barry Goldwater. I shall never forget that September when all state press secretaries were summoned to Washington for a briefing by national chairman Dean Burch. He told us that a secret poll by the GOP had come up with the astonishing information that only about 35 percent of the American people had ever heard of Goldwater, and this just two months before the election.

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Obviously, Goldwater couldn't win if people didn't even recognize his name. On top of this overwhelming handicap, back in Vermont the prestigious Sen. George Aiken refused to endorse Goldwater. The party was in great disarray, spurring Webb to even greater efforts to try and save the day. To no avail, Vermont even voted for a Democratic governor that year for the first time in its history.

His mother surely told him, "I told you so."

I followed my GOP job with the position of press secretary to the leader of the Ontario Liberal Party. The interests of the two parties were not that dissimilar, actually. I looked at it all as a learning experience, better than earning a master's degree at that stage of my life or so I thought.

It was another man, who ultimately became very rich, who sought me out for the Liberal Party job—Ross Johnson of RJR Nabisco "Barbarians at the Gate" notoriety. A close friend of my brother, Alan, Johnson seemed to have a zeal to give to society, at least through politics, long before he earned his wealth.

It did not take me long to realize I preferred the news business to politics, and when I got a call from UPI in New York City a few months later to come back, I leaped at it. While I remain fascinated by politics at all levels, I much prefer it from this side of the fence.

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DISCOVERY — THE LIVELY ARTS

By Janey Bennett

Christmas Is Celebrated Across Peninsula

Christmas time is a season when it feels wonderful to spend special time with children, whether your own or a friend's. You might consider taking some children to a live performance. The rewards to all are amazing.

I attended MPC's production of Narnia with a young family with children 3 and 5 years old. To me, the production of Narnia was interesting but a bit uneven in its performances, but my young friends were enchanted. They sat riveted in their seats for the entire performance, applauding courteously but with great intensity at the conclusion. They had previously seen the C.S. Lewis work on television but pronounced it better live because it was 'real.'

In a theatre, there is an energy between the performers and the audience—an energy which is lost in film or television. How many children have never seen live theatre? Consider celebrating this season by taking a child to a live performance. It will enlarge the child's world and please you, I almost guarantee.

Back to Narnia: The musical is drawn from the first book of C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. It concerns four children, evacuated to an English countryside manorhouse during World War II who fall into a magic kingdom through the clothing in an old wardrobe—translated into American: a free-standing closet. There they confront good and evil, external and their own, and, after trials, they triumph. It's a fairly complicated story for a small child. My young friends had no trouble following it.

The MPC production had problems with miking the singers. Mikes got rattled in moving costumes, and sometimes didn't pick up sound at all. Some performers were adequate while some were really quite good. Mike Baker and Kimberly J. Prior as Mr. and Mrs. Beaver were exceptional as

British Music Hall performer rodents. Jack Mack in the title role of the Lion, Aslan, had an aura of kindly and just authority which was just right. The four siblings had problems with their British accents, but their physical appearance was wonderful. They were Cassie Long as Lucy, Jillian Kunysz as Susan, Brian Higginbotham as Peter and Vincent Saul Cardinale as the sour and disloyal Edmund.

The stunning achievement of this production was the enormous chorus of young children appearing as soft furry animals and sprites of various descriptions. These children had a stage presence unique in my experience. None of them looked into the audience to find Mommy. They all stayed in character in an absolutely professional way. Bravo to director Gail Higginbotham and to the efforts of these children!

Narnia plays at MPC Theatre through the 18th of December.

Children Star in Amahl

Not so professional were the children in the chorus of Monterey Opera Association's Amahl and the Night Visitors, the Christmas opera by Gian Carlo Menotti. The littlest ones fussed with their costumes and peered out into the darkness. It was a minor distraction in an otherwise commendable effort, but it's worth addressing. Narnia proved it is possible to ask kids on stage to preserve the illusion.

Amahl is the story of a crippled boy, living in small fantasies, telling big lies and adoring his mother. The plot concerns the boy's miraculous recovery as he presents his crutch to the three kings as a gift to the Christ child. The music is familiar and luscious, and the performances in this barebones production were convincing enough to successfully invite one's imagination to fill in the details.

The program notes revealed that Menotti had himself been crippled as a child and "credits his cure to a visit made to the shrine of the Madonna of the Sacred Mount in Italy."

Amahl was sung by Rachel Marotta, alternating in the four performances with Dustin Benton. Rachel wandered way out of tune at one point on Friday night, but



THE MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE Drama Department production of Narnia, based on C.S. Lewis' classic, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, plays through Dec. 18 in the Main Stage theatre at MPC.

otherwise was a convincing Amahl. It is a very challenging piece of music for a child singer. In all previous versions of Amahl that I have seen, the boy's gesture of the crutch has seemed irrational and jarring. Somehow this Amahl made the offer seem genuine and consistent.

Linda Kessel Solis had a lush voice as Amahl's mother. Her role has some wonderful musical material, and she leaned into it all with relish.

The kings were Michael F. Taylor, Peter S. Lewis and Daniel Morris, attended by Daniel Simpson, the page who captures Amahl's mother as she steals some of the kings' gold. They were all convincing presences, with very nice voices. Again, the experience of seeing this often televised opera in live performance was very different and very much more exhilarating.

Monterey Opera Association also offered as a curtain raiser The Impresario by Mozart. Peter S. Lewis sang with Tonia Manteneri and Karole Lewis and all did quite well with Mozart's challenging music. However, I wonder if we really needed the Mozart, which certainly generated a different mood than the Menotti.

More Yule Events

In addition to Narnia, there are wonderful live performance events, some not in theatres, coming up in this holiday season. Thursday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 11 the Monterey adobes will open for the Christmas in the Adobes tour. These wonderful old residences will be decorated with historical intent, and docents dressed in period costumes will welcome all visitors.

It's a wonderful way to make history vital to a child—or even to us adults. On the evening of Friday the 10th, the procession of La Posada, Mary and Joseph's search for an inn, will take place in the streets of Monterey.

December 11th at 8 p.m. is the annual Christmas concert at Carmel Mission by the Camarata Singers, who also perform the next afternoon at 3 at the Mission at San Antonio, Jolon. What a great excuse for a drive through the countryside, to attend the Sunday afternoon concert! That one is a beautiful mission, too—very different in scale and purpose from our elegant local San Carlos Basilica.

You can sing along with the Messiah on Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 501 Eldorado in Monterey. The performance is sponsored by I Cantori, and the funds raised from the \$5 admission will be used for the group's British Isle Performance Tour next summer.

The following week is busy for the Carmel Mission: I Cantori's Christmas concert is there on the 18 and 19th, followed on the 23rd by the San Francisco-based Chanticleer singers. (I Cantori also perform at Madonna Del Sasso Church in Salinas on the 17th.) What riches!

KBOQ is K-BACK!

Speaking of riches, once again we have our local classical FM station. On Saturday, Dec. 4, the New KBOQ, under new ownership but continuing in the tradition of the old one, hit the airwaves at 95.5 FM.

When I first moved to this area nine years ago, I joined KBOQ's staff as the Sunday afternoon voice for a year and a half. It's been part of my life, and I missed it sorely, as I know many of us did. Welcome back, KBOQ!

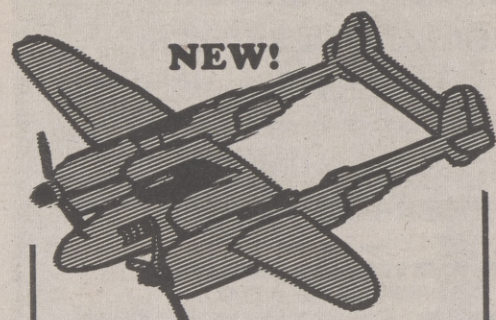
Holiday Concerts Feature Carmel's Student Musicians

The Carmel High School Music Department will present Command Performance at Sunset Center at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 featuring the band's rendition of seasonal favorites, the Jazz Ensemble, a string quartet and the school's chorus.

Richard Robins will conduct the band for the concert, which is free, and Betsy Walsh will direct the chorus.

In other seasonal performances, Tularcitos Elementary School will present a Daytime Winter Sing on Dec. 15 and a Winter Concert featuring instrumentalists on Dec. 16. Both performances are at 7 p.m.

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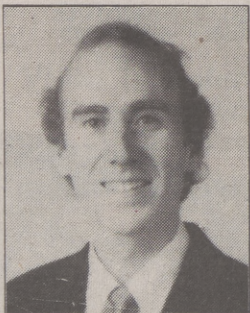
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By Anita DeCarlo

Good-bye, Sam

Was anybody ever so much a part of a place as Sam Colburn? Was anyone ever as known by everyone as he was? If Carmel is still an "artist's colony" it's Sam's doing. Sam was good; Art, capital "A".

Sam Colburn and his paintings were interchangeable, inseparable entities. If Sam was more visible and likable to some people than his paintings were, it was a superficial response. He seemed to fit a category in his shabby clothes, his old yellow car, his abruptness—a character. But Sam's was no act. He was as forthright and honest, as deep and complex as his paintings.

I've had many occasions in this column and as a teacher to praise his work; I'm an adamant fan as critic and teacher. As a watercolorist, I am personally intent upon his work. Like the best of watercolorists gleaned from the archives, Sam's work is inspirational vision and virtuoso skill with the medium. He is fluent in aesthetics.

It was a great privilege to watch him paint, but it was no big deal. Anybody could join his class or walk up and watch him wherever he had set up to paint, or stop by his house. We didn't know what a privilege it was because we could watch him any time.

He was a sensual man, a man of the senses. He feasted on the world through his eyes. He loved the hills and valleys, rocks and water, the rich forms of fruit, the shapes of grass and flowers, of girls. He did not conjure them up in the studio. He sat before them, looked at them, painted them.

The uninformed might say, but it doesn't look like the hills and valleys, water, women. His paintings are the objective reduction of his subjective experiences with his subjects. Art as experience was never truer. He painted directly from the

stimulus, selected sensually the forms and colors explicit to the subject. He responded without hesitation to what he saw and felt.

He never thought, hmmm what are the "in" colors this year and what's hot on the market.

He never repeated himself, barn after barn after barn. But he painted the same subjects over and over, seeing them each time brand new. Seeing something he hadn't seen before with each act of painting. Each painting was a chance to learn something new, see what he hadn't seen before, understand a little more. This is called integrity and honesty. He did everything this way. You couldn't put one over on him, pretend to be what you were not.

Watercolor gave him the vehicle to reach and discover and grow. He said it made life worthwhile. Was watercoloring the way to understand life? Why not? Water is constant change, it bends and flows to the shape of all things and patiently in time shapes all things.

There is something of Chinese simplicity in Sam's paintings, that economy wherein only the essential is extracted, where all things are said in one stroke, that transparency and awareness of the meaning of emptiness equal to something. How boring are those paintings abounding everywhere that tell you everything and in saying everything say nothing.

Sam's effortless looking paintings were the result of years and work. Always practicing—drawing, perfecting seeing. He studied the masters. He accepted their lessons and moved on into his personal intimate commitment to imagery, a distillation of his own intellect and the experience of his senses. The transparency of his paint and the looseness of his structures circulate air through his paintings, whip waves, reflect sun.

Intellectually his paintings retain the two dimensional reality of the painted surface at the same time they sensually capture atmospheric effects. He understood spatial tensions and balance; he felt the impact of light and air. His paintings are the amalgam of a world in constant change and the flux of relationships through the constant of his unique persona.

Nope. Never be another Sam Colburn. I will miss him, as will all who knew him. I will cherish the insights he gave me and continues to give me through his paintings. I will hoard the kind words he said to me about my paintings and work like the devil to be worthy of them. I will be grateful forever for the joy of him as he was and as he is in the piles of paintings we can look at forever and never get tired of, never stop seeing new things through his eyes.

Youth Center Sets Activities

The Carmel Youth Center will hold its second annual "Concert in a Can" Friday at 7:30 p.m. for youths to help collect food for the Salvation Army. Admission is \$3 with a can of food and \$4 without.

The Youth Center also will hold its Super Sunday sports card and comic book Christmas show Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adult admission is \$4 or \$1 for under age 16.

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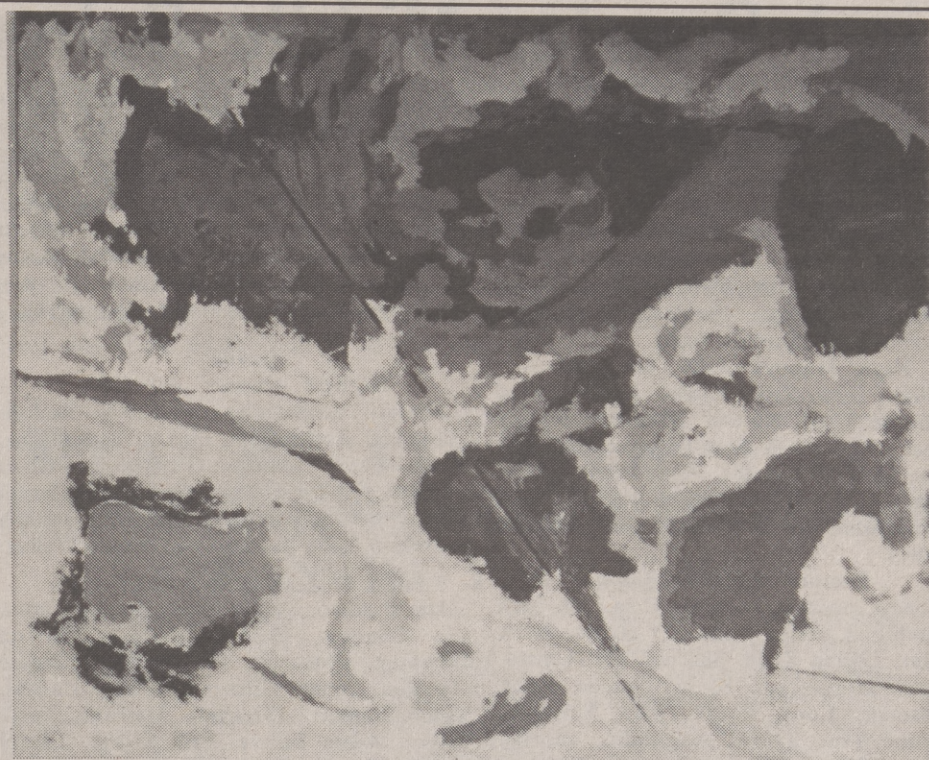
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Art Community Loses a Leader— Sam Colburn

Sam Colburn, a colorful, crusty painter who was widely known on the peninsula as a leader in the art community, died at his home in Pacific Grove Dec. 1 at age 84.

Death came without advance warning as Colburn was preparing for a major showing of his work at Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art in January.

"He was always supportive of other artists," said his widow, Grace, asking that any memorials be made to the Pacific Grove Art Center in his name.

Born in Denver, Colburn studied geology at the University of Colorado and USC, but moved to Carmel in 1937 to pursue his art. His widow recalled that he sometimes worked as a cab driver in Carmel and in 1979, published a book, "Tales from the Taxicab and Other Stories from Carmel-by-the-Sea."

Services were held at Paul's Mortuary Sunday. In addition to his widow, survivors include two sons, Bolton Colburn of Laguna Beach and Cyrus Meredith Colburn of Pacific Grove, and two stepsons, Teryl McBride of Maui and Rich McBride of Kauai.

A staunch Democrat, Colburn also was active in the American Civil Liberties Union.

He studied watercolor under Paul Whitman, having become a member of the Carmel Art Association in 1940. Of watercolor, he once said: "That medium fascinated me...The results have been a justification of life..."

Many of his early paintings were landscapes of Carmel Valley and Salinas, and he painted many scenes of Monterey Bay fishermen. In later life, his art turned more abstract and often dealt with flowers, seascapes and surfers.

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First Quarter Middle School Honor Roll Announced

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High Honors 3.99-3.69 GPA

Elliott Byrd, Krista Clarke, Noah Cowen, Cameron Cox, Nathan Dietrich, Jessica Kabat, Heather LaMas-Striplin, Danielle Latta, Meghan Lehman, Anne-Marie Lewis, Julia Miller, Trent Nishiguchi, Sava Pennington, April Zobel and Jasmine Bradley.

Honors 3.68-3.0 GPA

Zephyr Andrew, Nicholas Campbell, Sara Churchill, Lorraine Coke, Liz Harris, Sarah Holine, Lauren Klein, Shannon Mc Namara, Kendra Morgenrath, Kinsey Pascoe, Erick Pressman, Cody Reese, Erin Sullivan, Kristine Tate, Trevor Alexandre, Thomas Butler, Geoffrey Dietrich, Christina Ducoing, Kristopher Ellis, Erin Elton, Renee Infelise, Peter Jamison, Jaedra Luke, Chase Mahoney, Erin Miller, Keath Moon, Juliette Perlmutter, China Star, Sadie Thomas, Russel Wolter II, Courtney Cresap, Narciso Perez, Evan Auld-Susott, Zachary Berning-Marking, Patrick Chow, Justin Cordrey, Jennifer Cushman, Ashwin Datt, Arwen Eversz, Lauren Greenberg, Erik Langslet, Emily Mac Donald, Kiera McNamara, Dashiell Nemeth, Lyra Ordjonikidze, Claire Rosenthal, Branham Sanborn, Mitchell Sanchez, Jacob Silver, Davi Weber, Mekhala Chatterjee, Min Cho, Chantal Curtis, Zachary Gibson, Jean-Paul Hill, Elisabeth Kohnke, Alyse Le Valley, Myles Lerner, Suzanne Malek, Marlo Milligan, Joshua Morris, Jeffrey Nakamura, Justin Otis, Lindsey Pellerin, Frank Ringer, Jennefer Root, Kelly Shea, Thais Skondin,

Zoe Smallwood, Luke Stock, Sarah Tullus, Jeremy Woodward, Katherine Call, Shawn Clark, Jade Davis, Traci Davis, Anie Day, Ryan Frazer, Bethany Garner, Natalie Johnson, Jacob Jones, Carli Livesey, Amber Mancebo, Jessamyn Meyerhoff, Marcos Ortega, Page Petersen, Jessica Rial, Danny Rosenthal, Samantha Schmitt, Heather Signorella, Toni Thomson and Rebecca Twa.

Grade 7

Highest Honors 4.0 GPA

Brenna Armstrong, Matthew Bedell, Alexandra Bottemanne, Maaik Bottemanne, Janna Bray, Jennifer Ferguson, Alissa Garnero, Kathryn Holden, Amir Modir, Justin Noseworthy, Timothy Pfeiffer, Joseph Shevelson, Lana Ushakoff and Andrea Walker.

High Honors 3.99 - 3.69 GPA

David Allen, Darcie Book, Ashley Carter, Lia Chaney, Erik Danielson, Alison Downing, Francesca Fickewirth, Michelle Gaudoin, Jenny Grimes, Melissa Handel, Tylor Hansen, Elizabeth Harrold, Tesia Miller, Adam Struve, Erik Struve, Laurel Whisler, Jennifer Yee and Sabrina Zanetta.

Honors 3.68 - 3.0 GPA

Nicholas Baer, Anthea Brenner, Joshua Brown, Kirsten Brown, Monica Callinan, Kimberly Campise, Catherine Craft, Elizabeth Cummings, Niyago Fields, Austin Guest, Sara Handy, Kris Kunz, Ashley Moynagh, Josh Soskin, Hank Stoffers, Ryan Warcken, Kersten Wehde, Aimee Wise, Sandy Miller, Anicus Culver-Rease, Piper Frode, Taylor Hawthorne, Alaina Marazzo, Rebecca Pardue, Seth Perkins, Lauren Ruskell, Karl Sakasegawa, Tara Taylor, Douglas Velasquez, Bret Warner, Crystal Westphal, Gueren White, Amber Wright, Brooke Parsons, Angela Bason, Julien Brandt, Jonathan Erickson, Aaron Harlan, Marki Miner, Jay Morris, Evelina Munoz, Anna Peccianti, Patrick Rayne-Willard, Tasha Roos, Mary Root, Abraham Sherman, Brian Stromberg, Alaina

Walker, Mary Lou Ramos, John Battaglia, Gerald Catugda, Minji Cho, Terra Lynn Gau, Sierra Hampton-Eng, Moya Meckel, Gina Pennington, Judson Richards, Jonathan Robitaille-Borgia, Ian Wright, Teresa Carroll-Lockwood, Tyson Curtis, Kennan Doby, Dane Edmondson, Ashley Gendelman, Jenilee Koontz, Colin Loustalot, Jesse Pniak and Angel Scott.

Grade 6

Highest Honors 4.0 GPA

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Ashley Auld-Susott, Andreas Baer, Dina Biblarz, Salvatore Buffo, Nicole Cushman, Christopher Foudy, Marie Gillette, Craig Gonzales, Mira Gordon, Paul Harper, Tara Holz, Michelle Jensen, Lee Lightfoot, Christy Olow, Meghan Parks, Cody Pennington, Nicole Piccinini, Stephanie Quinn, Rachael Short, Tiffany Thompson and William Ross.

Honors 3.68-3.0 GPA

Scott Allen, Christopher Bagwell, Michael Call, Christopher Canepa, Karen Clark, Chris Edwards, Kyle Evans, Vanessa Hacker, Gary Higuera, Sarah Little, Burl Martin, Taylor Masten, Travis Moran, Nicole Rohan, Sasha Semmel, Emily Shepherd, Justin Travaille, Jennifer Updyke, Sarah Wolovsky, Corey Wood, Lacey Arbrun, Roger Balyon, Christopher Buich, Susanna Chun, Justin Demayo, Whitney Emerson, Leah Gordon, Nicole Graft, Matt Grugel, Emma Healy, Chad Hoover, Anthony Kamm, Kingsley Lerner.

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Firemen Drop Plans For Controlled Burn

The Carmel Valley Volunteer Fire Department canceled plans to torch a vacant house at 12 Ring Lane in a controlled burn to provide firefighters' training after neighbors protested the plan.

Capt. Jeff Trap of the Valley department said neighbors were not as concerned about safety as they were the smoke, ash and reduced air quality that would result.

The 3,000-square-foot house west of Los Laureles Grade off of Miramonte originally had been scheduled to be burned last month, with about 40 firefighters from the Valley, Mid Valley and Cachagua taking part.

Lettie Bennett Leaves Library For Morocco

Lettie Bennett, assistant director of Harrison Memorial Library, has resigned effective Jan. 14 after 13 years to accompany her husband to a new assignment in Morocco.

Bennett, the senior assistant next to Librarian Margaret Pelikan, said the two-year assignment "is going to be an adventure. I will work side by side with him."

Bennett's husband, Charlie Southall, is a member of the International Executive Service Corps, a non-profit organization founded in 1964 in which retired business executives help their counterparts in developing countries. A graduate of the American University in Beirut, he speaks Arabic and French and "is a student of the Arab world," she said.

"You look back and think, 'What have I accomplished?'" Bennett said of her library employment. "We have done a lot, including automation. There were no computers when I arrived."

Pelikan recommended to City Administrator Jere Kersnar that the city freeze Bennett's librarian III position and fill two vacant librarian II positions with two women currently on the staff. She said Bennett's departure would bring the number of vacant professional positions at the library to four.

"These actions can be taken within the existing budget for fiscal year 1993-94," Pelikan said. "For future fiscal years, the impacts will need to be addressed at budget time."

Parking Permits Go on Sale

Carmel will begin selling resident parking permits at the police station Monday. Good for a year, they cost \$12.

Only residents and residential property owners can buy them. They allow the holder to park twice as long as the marked limit in the business district, in residential areas designated for preferential residential parking and on Scenic Road after sunset.

Padres Top Dores Behind R. J. Powell

Guard R. J. Powell poured in 22 points Tuesday night to lead Carmel to a 50-41 win over Monterey, getting the Padres back in the win column after maybe finding more competition that they expected in the MPC basketball tournament.

In the Monterey Bay Invitational at MPC, Carmel, which had sailed through its opening two pre-season games, ran into some tough competition from up north which brought the Padres quickly to earth with two losses in three tourney games.

Serra High of San Mateo, which won the tournament, stopped Carmel cold in an opening round contest, 46-22. Powell, who had 31 and 33 points respectively in the squad's two previous games, was held to just 10 points.

In the next game, Carmel fought its way into the tourney consolidation bracket with a 50-43 victory over league rival King City, with Powell scoring 17.

In the runner-up game, American High of Fremont toppled the Padres, 57-49, taking advantage of a bruising inside game. Powell had 19 to tie American's Jude Campbell for high point honors. In the consolidation game, American threw a box and one at Carmel, with one defender assigned to Powell at all times. In that game, Joey Bernhard contributed 13 points for Carmel and Ryan Sanchez had 11.

Against Monterey, Powell hit 17 of his points in the second half. Bernhard chipped in with 13.

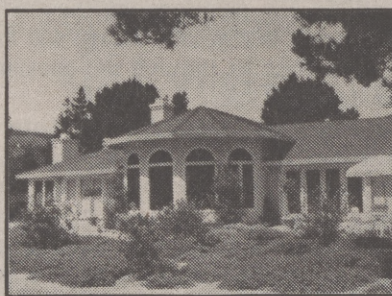
The Carmel junior varsity lost to Monterey 63-60, despite Damien Armstrong's game-high 23 points. In the freshman game, Carmel fashioned a 63-52 win behind Ben Cook and Davin Johnson, who each scored 14.

The win against non-league rival Monterey moved Carmel to 4-2 on the season. The Padres will next be in action at home Friday against Monte Vista and then travel to Santa Cruz for a Tuesday contest.

In girls' basketball, Monterey scored a 48-35 basketball victory over Carmel at Monterey Monday. Jennifer Rosenthal led Carmel with 17 points. Carmel next plays in the Breakers tournament in Pacific Grove against Half Moon Bay Thursday.

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CYPRESS WAY. Phoenix II Development to Patricia Ramsey. \$520,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

9605 BUCKEYE COURT. Phillip and Christine Paim to Gaylon L. and Sharon L. Haney. \$305,000.

31660 VIA LA ESTRELLA. Coast Federal Services to Coast Federal Bank. \$324,542.

3623 EASTFIELD ROAD. William and Susan Kucher to Patrick and Annette Welton. \$860,000.

CALLE DE ESTE. David W. Burdge to Bruce C. and Cynthia T. Adams. \$280,000.

For some time, the Sun's home sales listings have inadvertently omitted Pebble Beach. Those sales will be included in the future.—The Ed.

CV Road Fees Up for Renewal

The extension of a schedule of road improvement fees for Carmel Valley Road will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Salinas.

Long controversial, the fees were established a year ago when a so-called traffic trigger mechanism in the Carmel Valley Master Plan threatened to impose a building moratorium if the board did not act.

The fees are \$5,100 for a permit to build on an existing lot of record in the master plan area and \$13,800 for a new lot of record. The board also approved fees of \$2,550 for an existing lot of record in Cachagua and Rancho San Carlos and \$6,900 for a new lot in those outlying areas.

In a staff report, Director Jerry Gromko of the Public Works Department told the board the ordinance it passed in December of last year will expire Jan. 15 unless extended. "The Department of Public Works recommends that this ordinance be extended for one additional year," he said.

Acting by consent at its meeting Tuesday, the board waived the reading of an ordinance extending the fees and set the new hearing.

The money from the fees is ostensibly to be used to pay for improvements to improve the level of service on Carmel Valley Road, but in fact, they can not raise enough to even start to pay for the needed changes.

CHOMP Unit Begins Maternity Expansion Drive

The Community Hospital Foundation has launched a campaign to raise \$3 million to help fund the remodeling and expansion of its maternity services.

The project will nearly double the size of three existing departments and provide 13 new labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum rooms which allow women to labor, deliver and receive after care in one room.

Total cost of the project will be \$6 mil-

lion, with half the cost to be paid from operating revenues, depreciation and reserves and the remainder from donations. Robert B. Sheppard and Clark W. Struve are leading the campaign which is largely being conducted by a 28-member volunteer Development Council.

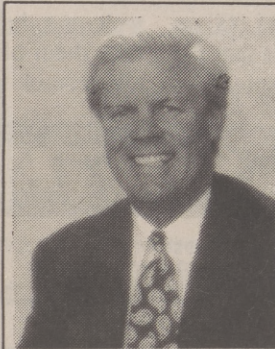
More than \$750,000 has been raised so far, and the campaign is scheduled to end June 30.

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County Adopts Broad Smoking Ban

Hearing fewer protests than they might have expected, supervisors Tuesday approved an ordinance which will prohibit smoking in all public places, restaurants and bars and places of employment in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Supervisor Tom Perkins at first objected to the ordinance, but made it unanimous when colleagues agreed to consider amendments later to exempt parks, golf courses and businesses such as a Prunedale card room.

Following the lead of the Environmental Protection Agency, the ordinance declared that "second hand" tobacco smoke is a Class A carcinogen, or potential cause of cancer.

The ordinance, which takes effect in 30 days, provides for fines of \$250 on the first offense, \$500 on the second and \$1,000 on the third. Officials said in advance that the ordinance would be enforced passively—

that is only upon receiving a complaints.

John Snider, the county's chief of health promotion, noted that some 20 counties and 44 cities in the state had passed similar legislation. The ordinance was drawn up by the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Monterey County.

A spokesman for the Monterey County Restaurant Association urged the supervisors to wait, noting a bill was in the state legislature which would ban smoking in public places throughout the state. But Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck argued against waiting, saying the state legislation could be weakened before passage.

Before the hearing, Snider told The Sun that he thought many businesses would welcome the legislation, saying "it would take them off the hook" about whether to allow smoking or not.

CHS Honor Roll Announced

Carmel High School released the following honor roll for the first quarter:

Grade 9

Highest Honors 4.0-3.75 GPA

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High Honors 3.74-3.50 GPA

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Honors - 3.49-3.00 GPA

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Grade 10

Highest Honors - 4.00-3.75 GPA

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High honors 3.74-3.5 GPA

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Honors 3.49-3.0 GPA

Kristin DeMaria, Jennifer Donnelly, Matthew Steiner, Denise Cardamone, Damien Armstrong, Jose Cortina-Prieto, Hayden Dudley, Alexander Ford, Katie Hyndman, Trillia Murphy, Martha Coleman, Joseph Thomas, Sean Baird, Jennifer Hahl, Joseph Ringer, Lauren Saputelli, Shelby Wilson, Robert Nakamura, Andrew Emerson, Heidi Hazen, Nicole Severson, Lucas Heneks, Kayla McCutchan, Clinton Zobel, Jody Lincoln, Jennifer Scholl, Kristi Sullivan, Meghan Gendelman, Rebecca Unger, Maryn San Filippo, Sarah Butcher, Roger Berube, Kimberly Ceglie, Christopher Fisher, Jessamine Franklin, Cody Johnson, Heaven Mangold, Christopher Mazzo, Ryan Sanchez, Vanessa Sparling, Jake Stamp, Cheyenne Stoney-Stevens, Marc Swikull, Stephanie Thorn, Angela Updyke and Jessica Walch.

Grade 11

Highest Honors - 4.00-3.75 GPA

Steven Bonafant, Dorthie Kohler, Natasha Belanger, Jessica Kattan and Michael Haller.

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Benjamin Thompson, Mac Sutherland, Annelise Moore, Elan Bobay, Scott Clack, Jennifer Covell, Effie Dimitrakopoulos, Christianna Stuber, Kyle Nichols, Adele Woytak and Sarah Eaton.

Honors - 3.49-3.0

Matthew Cramer, Celeste Evans, Dustin Nagai, Malia Seltzer, Thomas Bonyne, Casey Christensen, Jennifer Frazer, Greg Johnson, Mahlon McAnaney, Allison Bohnen, Stephanie Butler, Stacey Gray, William Morris, Corinna Tulua, Aiyana White, Nicholas Brewster-Cusimano, Erica Larson, Mandy Evans, Todd Hoskins, Jennifer Kabat, Melissa May, Kyle Wirtz, Michelle Allen, Brooke Andrews, Janise Barber, Jacqueline Evans, Veronique Piercy, Kealoha

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Honors - 3.49-3.00 GPA

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Filed November 12, 1993
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Filed October 27, 1993
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Filed November 9, 1993
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Filed December 1, 1993
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- 11 **Youth Music Monterey** The Honors Jazz Orchestra performs from 11:00-3:00pm.
- 12 **Live Entertainment** The Robert Louis Stevenson School Choir performs 1-3pm. The Fabulous Flugelhorns 1-4pm.
- 18 **Don't Panic Day** Hear the Twilight Memories Dixieland Band and the Carmel Presbyterian Church Bellringers while shopping for last minute gifts in a relaxed atmosphere.
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\$32 Million for the County Park Endorses \$2 Billion Parkland Initiative

By Stan Hall

Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District unanimously endorsed a \$2 billion initiative known as CALPAW '94 Monday which would provide more than \$32.7 million for parkland purchases in the county, including \$10 million for the Odellos' artichoke farm.

General Manager Gary Tate called the initiative which will be on the June ballot next year "exciting... very ambitious." He said the 725,000 signatures that were collected by volunteers statewide to ensure a vote on the initiative "is a record in the history of California."

In addition to the Odellos' 134 acres of artichokes and riparian vegetation on the east of Highway 1 at the mouth of the Valley, the initiative, if approved by voters, would provide money for these other projects in Monterey County:

- \$500,000 for restoration of the Carmel River lagoon;
- \$100,000 for restoration of the Monarch butterfly habitat in Washington park in Pacific Grove;
- \$1 million for purchase of additional acreage for Garland Ranch Park in Carmel Valley;
- \$4 million for acquisition of coastal canyonlands on Big Sur's south coast south of Partington Creek;
- \$5 million to buy permanent conservation easements on agricultural lands in the county to protect them from future development;
- \$2 million for acquisition and restoration of lands at Elkhorn Slough;
- \$10 million for land acquisition and creation of the Monterey Bay Seashore—12 miles of shoreline property stretching from the Salinas River to Wharf No. 2 in Monterey.

In addition to the specific projects, the initiative would provide funds for block grants to cities and park districts. According to information provided by the park district, these grants would include \$30,000 for the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District, \$36,581 for the city of Carmel, \$71,702 for the city of Pacific Grove and an additional \$372,979 for the regional park district.

CALPAW is shorthand for Californians for Parks and Wildlife, and the initiative was written by a coalition headed by the Planning and Conservation League. It clearly has a little something in it for everybody to help ensure its approval, although it might face tough sledding if the state's economy still is so depressed next year.

A year ago, the Big Sur Land Trust and the Odello family announced the land trust had loaned the Odellos \$1.35 million in return for an option to buy the 134 acres for \$5.6 million. The option is good until June, the date of the CALPAW vote.

The announcement was widely seen as the bittersweet end to the Odello family's 30-year struggle to develop the artichoke fields immediately south of the Carmel River.

The land trust said the money for the loan to the Odellos came from 20 private lenders. The names of the lenders never were disclosed, but land trust officials said the loans ranged in size from \$25,000 to \$200,000.

Under terms of the loan/purchase option, the Odellos will pay 5 percent interest, but make no payments until maturity. But if money becomes available for the land trust to purchase the property, the \$1.35 million would be repaid from the same escrow proceedings.

Zad Leavy, a board member who also is general counsel to the land trust, made the motion to endorse CALPAW '94, and it was approved unanimously with no real discussion.

Asked about the difference between CALPAW's \$10 million for the Odello property and the \$5.6 million option price, Tate said the initiative had to be written

more than a year ago when the cost of the farm was not known. He said any money remaining from the \$10 million after the Odello purchase would go toward payments on the purchase of Point Lobos Ranches.

The 1,312 acre property directly across from the Point Lobos State Reserve is being purchased over a 10-year period for a total of \$11.1 million, with annual \$1.5 million payments being made from Prop 117 funds.

"Any funds not used for the Odello property would be applied to Point Lobos Ranches," Tate said, "and accelerate its purchase significantly."

The group promoting CALPAW had sought the endorsement of organizations such as the regional park district, and it said it had raised all but about \$500,000 of a targeted \$2 million to conduct the campaign for the initiative's passage.

Tate noted that in recent years, California voters had approved two similar initiatives—Prop 70 in 1988 to purchase open space and Prop 117 in 1990, the so-called mountain lion initiative. Tate told The Sun the general obligation bonds provided in CALPAW would be repaid with money from the state's general fund.

In an oblique reference to the state's poor economy, the resolution passed by the park district's directors said passage of the initiative would create thousands of jobs.



DRESSED AS SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS, Carmel High sophomores Jenn Scholl and Quincy Struve urged drivers to buy a Christmas tree from the Associated Student Body near Scarlett Road in the Valley to help rebuild the burned science wing. Trees will be sold the next two weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

Tree Lighting, Fly-In, Welcome Yule in Valley

Traditions—one brand new and one 35 years old—will formally bring the Christmas season to Carmel Valley Village this weekend. The new one is a tree lighting Friday night, while Santa's Fly-In Saturday will continue a longstanding ritual in the Village built 'round an airport.

At 5 p.m. Friday, festivities will commence at the Carmel Valley Community Park near the flagpole as civic leaders attempt to create a new tree-lighting tradition. A live 20 foot-tall deodora cedar donated by Pat Ireland and Doug MacIsaac of Greystone Productions will be lit at 6 p.m. It has been decorated with ornaments made by preschoolers and Tularecito school students.

Local wineries and restaurants will provide hors d'oeuvres and wine. Hot chocolate, cider and cookies will also be served. Rudolph and Santa's elves will greet people and make reindeer balloons. Carolers will perform at 5:30 p.m. A puppet show will follow the tree lighting, and face painting will be offered.

The next morning, the 35th annual Santa's Fly-In and parade will take place after Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at the Carmel Valley Village airfield about 11 a.m. A parade will escort them to the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center on Ford Road.

At the Community Center, old Mr. Claus will hear everybody's Christmas wishes and will sit for photos, if people want. Later, live music, arts and crafts booths, games, a bake sale and a best decorated bike contest will be part of the afternoon's activities.

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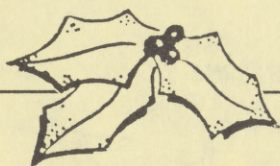
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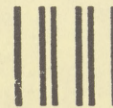
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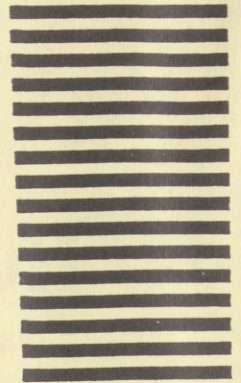


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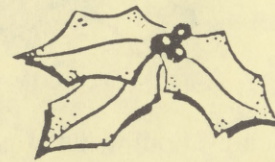
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